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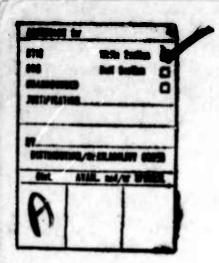
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FOREWORD

The coming of age of econometric modeling has produced on the Soviet economic analysts scene, economists trained both in Soviet economic analysis and modern econometric methods. The Strategic Studies Center, as part of its Comparative and Soviet Economics Program, felt the need and timeliness of this first, large-scale effort to construct an econometric model of the Soviet Union. The talents of SRI/SSC's Soviet economists were added to the econometric modeling experience of Wharton Econometric Forecasting Associates, which included some experience with modeling socialist economies, to accomplish this first phase of work on the Soviet econometric model. This paper presents the structure of the econometric model, several applications in simulation and forecasting, and insights gained in model construction and use.

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SECTION ONE: INTRODUCTION

Objectives

The central objective of our research was to develop an econometric model of the Soviet economy, one that would serve as a flexible tool for scenario analysis and for forecasting short- and medium-term. While some attention has been paid to longer run characteristics, our primary concern has not been to build a model for the USSR, but rather a macroeconomic model which would assess the impact of plans and other administrative instruments. Concurrently, however, we have been developing a capability for input-output analysis for the sectoral disaggregation anticipated in a second year of research. In forecasting for Western economies, macroeconomic models have been successfully adapted for longterm projections (5-15 years), particularly through integrating an inter-industry framework. It should be emphasized that our objective was not only to build a short and medium term model for forecasting purposes, but also for the analysis of alternative scenarios. The latter objective is of great importance to the policymaker. A model which can simulate the total system responses to specified stimuli, associated with alternative Soviet decision or world situation scenarios, can prove to be of great value to both scholars and policymakers.

Justification for an Econometric Approach

Since the early 1950's, major quantitative research on the Soviet economy has established a significant stock of good data and considerable understanding of Soviet statistics. With the accumulation of a data sample sufficient for

expertise with econometric models together with the measurement experience and descriptive analysis of Soviet specialists. It was hoped that this interaction, appropriately centered at the University of Pennsylvania with its specialists on the Soviet economy and on econometric modelling, would result in an advance in our scholarly understanding of the Soviet economy and through this in policy analysis of Soviet prospects.

With respect to understanding the Soviet system, econometric methodology forces the reduction of theory to tractable specifications, and thus subjects received theory and description to statistical testing. Furthermore, as a result of the estimation work we have done on our proposed model, we hope others will be stimulated to undertake studies of socialist economic behavior through the use of econometric model building.

For policy analysis and forecasting, econometric models have proved to be a valuable tool. A well-conceived and well-managed econometric model enhances rather than supplants observer expertise. We elaborate on this point in Section 5 below. Here, let us just say that given a macroeconomic model, specialists on individual sectors of the Soviet economy should be able to concentrate on the particulars of those individual sectors with the model handling the evaluation of interaction and full-system effects. Not only does the model provide quantitative measures of the interactions among economic variables in a system context, but it does so with explicit assumptions and statistical properties.

What Has Been Accomplished

We feel that the objectives of our year's research have been accomplished Some, indeed, have been surpassed. For example, in our original proposal we indicated an objective of developing a model composed of 15-20 equations. In

equations and identities, has been specified and estimated. The model is related to Soviet plans. While we have not modelled the Soviet system of plan construction, the model is driven by plan budget data and it does contain explicit reference to the economic impact of Soviet annual and five-year plans. The structure of the model is described in Section Two of this report. In order to develop our model, we have collected extensive data on the Soviet economy and built a computer databank of over 650 time series. Our efforts at data collection and construction are discussed in Appendix B.

During the estimation stage, a number of insights have been gained into the operation of the Soviet economy. We have quantified several established hypotheses including the shortrun impact of defense expenditures upon sectoral investment. In addition, new hypotheses such as the role of profits in investment determination have been explored. Through our series of working papers, we have circulated our findings for critical comment. A brief survey of our work in econometric history is presented in Section Three below.

The estimated econometric model has been programmed with WEFA expertise to serve as a flexible tool for scenario analysis and forecasting. Different versions of the model may be selected for particular problems posed by the user. Our initial use of the model for scenarios and forecasting is described in Sections Four and Five. During the present year, we intend to make the SRI-WEFA model a "living model" through continuous exercise and analysis with participation of those who are prospective users of the system for policy analysis.

Finally, we have prepared the input-output framework (using the reconstructed 1959 and 1966 Soviet I-O "ables) necessary for disaggregation of the macroeconomic

model in the second stage of our project. We have also partially incorporated some input-output structure in the present model for one version of consumption determination. Using the input-output technology and final demand matrices, we have generated synthetic variables for deliveries to personal consumption. These allow us to treat directly the impact of supply influences on Soviet household consumption.

SECTION TWO: THE ECONOMIC STRUCTURE OF THE SRI-WEFA MODEL

In this section of the report, the essential structure of the econometric model will be presented in a descriptive and non-technical way. A more complete analysis of its specification and use is included as Appendix A to this report. We begin with a discussion of the dimensions of the model and a description of the exogenous environment. Then we discuss the key behavioral relationships of the model, and conclude by briefly indicating the procedural steps in solution and the major feedback flows within a given period.

Dimensions of the Model

Before discussing the structure of the SRI-WEFA Model, it is important that the degree of disaggregation in this macroeconomic system be understood. A complete picture of the disaggregation may be gained from the list of Model variables provided in Appendix A; in this section of the report we will discuss only the levels of disaggregation on the sides of supply (production and factor inputs) and demand (components of GNP end-use).

On the supply side, GNP is composed of the output of five productive sectors:

- (1) Industry (I)
- (2) Agriculture (A)
- (3) Construction (C)
- (4) Transport and Communications (T)
- (5) Government, Services and Trade (G)

The letter symbol for each sector is used in identifying the components of output (X), capital (K) and employment (N) when the sector letter appears second in a variable name. The fifth production category (G) corresponds roughly to the non-material sphere of the national economy in Marxian terms.

Capital assets are disaggregated into these same five categories, but there is a further disaggregation for the agricultural and government sectors. In agriculture, we distinguish between physical capital (which includes draft animals) and productive livestock (cows, sheep, pigs, etc.). In the government sector, we disaggregate capital stock into housing and nonhousing categories because of different patterns of investment and capital formation. The same five categories are used for disaggregating employment but in the agricultural sector we distinguish between employment in the socialized sector (state and collective farms) and in the private sector. Furthermore, we are also concerned with the stocks of specialist manpower (EMT) employed in industry and in transport and communications. Thus, we have five production categories, seven capital categories, and eight employment categories in the Model.

On the demand side, GNP by end-use is disaggregated as indicated in Table 1 below. There are four categories of consumption, three categories of investment, four categories of government spending (as usually defined in the West), net exports and an end-use residual category. Note that Science as an end-use category within government has not been divided into civilian research and development on the one hand and military and space science on the other, as is frequently done in Western evaluations of Soviet GNP. New fixed investment is, however, broken down further into the six categories of physical capital. The net exports category of GNP end-use is composed of 5 export and 7 import categories which are also presented in Table 1.

This level of disaggregation in the Model was regarded as workable and attainable during the initial stage of our research. It provides sufficient detail for macroeconomic scenarios and forecasting, and at the same time is not so complex as to preclude non-technical discussions and direct user participation.

In the second stage of the project, we anticipate substantial disaggregation of the supply side of the Model and also further disaggregation in the foreign trade component of end-use.

TABLE 1

END-USE CATEGORIES IN THE MODEL

- 1. Consumption
- (a) Food
- (b) Soft Goods
- (c) Durable Goods
- (d) Personal Services
- 2. Investment
- (a) New Fixed Capital Investment
 - 1) Agriculture
 - 2) Industry
 - 3) Construction
 - 4) Transport and Communic ations
 - 5) Housing
 - 6) Services and Trade
- (b) Capital Repair
- (c) Inventories
- Government
- (a) Administration
- (b) Health and Education
- (c) Science
- (d) Defense
- 4. Net Exports
- (a) Exports to CMEA
 - 1) Food
 - 2) Other
- (b) Exports to other Centrally-Planned Economies (CPE's)
- (c) Exports to Developed West
- (d) Exports to Less Developed Countries (LDC's)
- (e) Imports from CMEA
- (f) Imports from other CPE's
- (g) Imports from Developed West
 - 1) Wheat and Wheat Flour
 - 2) Machinery and Manufacturing
 - 3) Other
- (h) Imports from LDC's
 - 1) Food
 - 2) Other
- 5. End-Use Residual (Grain Reserves, Livestock Accumulation, Statistical Discrepancy)

Exogenous Variables

The exogenous environment of the model may be partitioned into three groups of variables: (1) pure exogenous variables, (2) predetermined variables, and (3) annual policy variables. The category of <u>pure exogenous</u> variables includes those which cannot be influenced by Soviet economic policy, past or present. Of major importance is this category are <u>weather</u> variables, temperature and precipitation, which affect the harvest. Another important set of pure exogenous variables are <u>developments</u> in <u>foreign economies</u>: indexes of world trade, world market prices, and activity levels in CMEA economies. Essentially, we assume that Soviet trade policy and political influence have a negligible impact upon such developments so that we may disregard all such feedback in the formal specification. At present, this is probably a reasonable assumption; if Soviet trade becomes more significant in world trade activity, these interrelationships can be best handled within the framework of the LINK system.

Predetermined variables include the inherited stocks of productive factors:

population, fixed capital, land, livestock, and inventories. Within the present model, changes in population and demographic structure are regarded as purely of population exogenous. However, the location/(urban/rural) and/participation in the labor force are influenced by economic variables. Another important group of predetermined variables are the past agricultural harvests which influence current allocational decisions by Gosplan, state and collective farms, and peasant households. A third group of variables which could be included in the predetermined category are those timing variables imposed by the modeller (usually in the form of dummy variables) to capture the timing of investment projects (the five-year plan cycle) and the timing of major organizational and price reforms (e.g., the 1967-68 industrial price reform).

The policy variables which play crucial roles in the model are those decision variables represented in the Annual Plan and its derivative Annual Budget. Although there are innumerable discretionary variables available to Soviet policymakers, the model focuses upon a small number of aggregate policy variables which directly enter into the behavioral equations. One such policy variable is defense expenditure which is treated as strictly exogenous. A second group of policy variables includes the financing of economic sectors: industry and construction, agriculture, transport and communications, social and cultural measures, and housing. While financing is exogenous, investment is endogenous, influenced by sectoral financing, defense expenditure, and gross profits. A third group of policy variables are transfer expenditure and tax rates which influence the size and composition of the state budget.

The Core of the Model

It is within such an exogenous environment that the modelled economy is presumed to operate. Given values for all exogenous variables, the system of behavioral relationships which we have estimated statistically will determine a solution to the model. A solution consists of estimated values for each endogenous (explained) variable included in the model. In this report, we will not examine each behavioral relation in the system in detail; rather, we will describe what might be called the core of the model, i.e., its economic structure and the causal links among key components. In a supplement to be issued later than this report, we will discuss each behavioral relation in the model.

The core of the SRI-WEFA model consists of seven major components:

- (1) Factor Supply Equations
- (2) Sectoral Production Functions
- (3) Capital Investment Functions
- (4) Income, Wage and Price Equations
- (5) Consumption Functions
- (6) Foreign Trade Equations
- (7) Residual Analysis

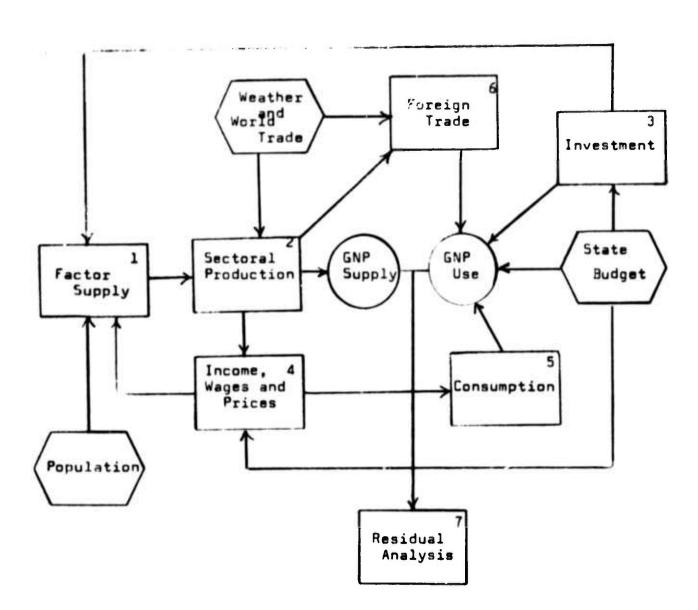
The links between these components are diagrammed below in Figure 1 and we shall describe briefly the contents of each component. Appendix A to this report contains a more technical description of the model with a complete list of equations, sectors, and variables. An index of model equations corresponding to the following description of the core is included below in Table 2.

(1) Factor Supply Equations

In the model, mean annual population and sown acreage are exogenous and start-of-year capital stocks, inventories, and livestock herds are predetermined. The distribution of population between urban and rural categories and labor participation rates are endogenous, dependent upon wage differentials, relative housing scarcities, and past harvests. The allocations of total nonagricultural employment to industry, construction, transport and communications, and the government sectors is influenced by the five-year-plan cycle (whether the given year is toward the start or the end of the current 5YP) and the previous year's allocations of investment.

Current year additions to January 1 capital stocks are predicted by sectoral capital formation equations which phase current and past investment expenditures in capital increments. The timing of that phasing is influenced from the five-year plan. Similarly, additions to specialist employees in industry and transport are determined by appropriate past enrollments in higher technical education. Inputs of current purchases to agriculture are significantly influenced by recent harvests. Growth in the herd of livestock depends upon provision for young livestock and recent harvests.

FIGURE 1
The Core of the SRI-WEFA Model



Endogenous components represented by rectangles.

Exogenous variables and partially exogenous components represented by hexagons.

(2) Sectoral Production Functions

For each of five sectors we have estimated a production function, relating output to the levels of inputs. Except for construction, all output timeseries are Western reconstructions of Soviet data (see Appendix B for a justification of this choice). In two sectors, industry and transport/communications, the labor force is disaggregated into specialist and non-specialist employees. Where high correlation between output and input series precluded direct estimation of factor contributions to output, observed factor shares in established prices were used to determine the relative factor contributions; this step was necessary only for the industrial and government sectors. For agriculture, after considerable experimentation, we adopted a two-step estimation procedure: (a) to estimate a production function for "potential output" obtained by connecting agricultural peaks with line segments, (b) to relate deviations from "potential output" to weather conditions and measures of factor input intensities.

(3) Investment Functions

Given last year's investment allocations, investment in the current year is a function of budget financing in the Annual Plan, the level of gross profits, budget outlays on defense expenditure, and the current and preceding harvests. Positive impact of financing plans upon sectoral investment is found in industry, transport, communications, and housing. Economy-wide gross profits affect industrial investment through decentralized enterprise demand or centralized response to generally favorable economic conditions. Defense expenditure tends to crowd out investment in industry, housing and the services/trade sector, at least in the short-run. The current harvest has a positive

impact upon agricultural investment (decentralized activity by state and collective farms) and upon industrial investment (through the level of gross profits). In a "crisis response" fashion, harvest failures in the previous year boost the current level of agricultural investment.

(4) Income, Wage and Price Equations

Money income of households is largely determined by employment and money wage rates, with adjustment for transfer payments and direct taxes set by the Budget. Changes in the category of gross profits are influenced by price reforms and harvest conditions. In our model, the <u>longrun</u> industrial <u>real</u> wage is determined by average productivity in industry with only partial adjustment in most years but large adjustments in years of major wage reform (the <u>timing</u> for which is exogenous). A similar relationship links the <u>longrun</u> agricultural real wage to average productivity in agriculture, while other sectoral wage rates essentially move in tandem with the industrial wage. Non-food prices are essentially marked-up on the industrial money wage but where past prices influence the current money wage (the real wage being determined by average productivity). Food prices reflect shortrun scarcities via a "negotiated" food price; harvest failures thus have inflationary consequences for the economy, at least in the short run.

(5) Consumption Functions

When key supply constraints are taken into account, there do appear to be stable relationships between consumption expenditures and disposable income, both measured in real terms. Consumption is broken down into four categories: food, nondurables, durable goods, and services (including health and education).

Food and nondurable consumption are constrained by agricultural production as well as being influenced by the relative price of food. Expenditures on durable goods and services are constrained by relevant sectoral productions. As discussed in Section Four, there are alternative ways in which consumption may be determined with greater influence from supply: either completely when consumption is the residual category of end-use, or through delivery variables obtained from the 1966 input-output table.

(6) Foreign Trade

The USSR's exports and imports are determined primarily by levels of domestic and foreign production with limited influence from prices and rather more from harvest failures. Four trading regions are identified: CMEA (the six East European economies), other Centrally-planned Economies or CPE's (Cuba, China, North Korea, etc.), the Developed West, and Less Developed Countries (LDC's). On the commodity dimensions, food exports to CMEA, wheat and wheat flour imports from the Developed West, machines-manufactures imports from the Developed West, and food imports from LDC's are separately treated. USSR trade flows are measured in dollars and then converted and deflated to constant domestic rubles as an end-use category for residual analysis.

(7) Residual Analysis

In this component of the core, other end-use categories including capital repair, inventory investment, science and administration are estimated. National Product by sector-of-origin is computed using sectoral outputs and 1970 sectoral weights in established prices. We also have an estimated equation for an end-use residual category which conceptually includes state grain reserves, other undisclosed items, dollar-ruble conversion errors and statistical discrepancy.

In the context of the model solution, when consumption is obtained directly there will also be a simulation residual equal to the difference between sector-of-origin GNP and end-use GNP. Alternatively, when consumption is obtained as the residual end-use category, there is no simulation residual; all end-use categories including the modelled end-use residual are computed and subtracted from sector-of-origin GNP to determine aggregate consumption.

TABLE 2

Index of Equations and the Model Core

The list of equations is provided in Appendix A. This index relates the discussions of the Model core in Section Two to particular equation numbers in that list.

	Component	Equations	
(1)	Factor Supply	A.1 - A.2 K.1 - K.14	Other Inputs
		N.1 - N.12	Capital Formation Population and Employment
(2)	Production Functions	x.1 - x.6	Production
(3)	Investment	I.1 - I.9	Investment
(4)	Income, Wages and Prices	P.1 - P.13	Prices
		W.1 - W.5	Wages
		$z_{.1} - z_{.7}$	Incomes
(5)	Consumption	C.1 - C.5	Consumption
(6)	Foreign Trade	E.1 - E.7	Exports .
		M.1 - M.9	Imports
(7)	Residual Analysis	I.10I.13 G.1 - G.6	Inventories Aggregate Identities and Balances

A Solution of the Model

with the foregoing descriptions of the exogenous environment and the endogenous relationships, we may now step through the solution procedure of the model for any gi , year. Reflecting Western analysis of the Soviet economy, the SRI-WEFA Model is essentially supply-oriented rather than demand-oriented, in contrast to models built for analysis of Western economies. Figure 1 above should be helpful in following this discussion of the solution procedure. Let us take the year 1972 as our example. To solve the model for 1972 we need 1972 values for each exogenous variable and 1971 (and earlier for some variables) values for endogenous variables whose past values influence current behavior. These 1971 values for endogenous variables might be the actual observed values in a one-period simulation or the solution values of the model for 1971 in a dynamic simulation.

Though our model is not recursive, we leave aside system feedbacks for the moment so that we can describe the solution process in a step-by-step manner. The major feedback loops will then be described afterwards. We begin with the exogenous data from the annual plan on sectoral financing and defense expanditure. These variables largely determine investment expenditure. Current investment, together with inherited capital stocks, determines the supply of capital for the current period. Labor supplies for all sectors are essentially determined by predetermined variables including past labor allocation, income differentials, relative housing stocks, and past investment. Consequently, sectoral outputs and GNP by sector-of-origin are then computed given factor supplies and the exogenous weather variables.

Incomes, wage rates and prices adjust during the current year in accord with production and employment. Household incomes, adjusted by personal taxes and transfer payments in the State budget, and relative prices then determine consumption demand (which is also constrained by production in certain categories). Foreign trade flows are influenced by domestic production levels as well as world market conditions. The endogenous components of the State budget are also computed taking the current harvest into account. Inventories adjust in response to current consumption, the agricultural harvest, nonagricultural GNP and defense expenditure. The addition of all end-use categories provides us with end-use GNP which is subtracted from sector-of-origin GNP to give us the simulation residual for 1972.

The foregoing discussion and Figure 1 have been simplified to achieve clarity of presentation by abstracting from feedback loops which make the solution of the model a simultaneous equation problem (one which usually requires 8-12 computer iterations for each year's solution). The major feedback in the system arises from the current harvest. The current harvest has a direct effect on agricultural investment and an indirect impact upon current industrial investment through influence upon the gross profits.

Another important feedback loop involves the influence of the real industrial wage upon the labor participation of the urban population. There are several other feedback elements in the model, but those — mentioned are the major sources of simultaneity in the system. In our experiments with Model I in the second year of the project, we intend to investigate other promising macroeconomic interactions.

SECTION THREE: INSIGHTS GAINED THROUGH ECONOMETRIC

STUDY OF THE SOVIET UNION

When an economist builds an econometric model of a Western market economy, he may draw upon a rich theoretical literature that identifies crucial behavioral components of the macroeconomic system as well as developed tradition of model construction. In approaching the same task for a centrally-planned Soviet-type economy, while there does not exist a comparable theoretical and econometric literature, the analyst is presented with an unusually rich descriptive and statistical literature. One of the most exciting tasks in current research on the Soviet economy involves the testing and quantification of hypotheses explicit and implicit in our "received wisdom". We hope that the initial efforts described in this report will serve to stimulate other econometric studies and motivate specialists in this area to evaluate critically the assumptions, procedures and conclusions of such work.

Econometric and descriptive analysis of the Soviet economy should be complementary activities for purposes of understanding, policy analysis and forecasting. An important virtue of the econometric discipline is that it requires one first to conceptualize and estimate regularities of behavior. At that stage, anomalies and disturbances are both clarified and brought into perspective. Almost unavoidably, the "special events" loom large in any descriptive analysis. Within the framework of an econometric model, the analyst is able to discriminate among these "special events", incorporating those of significant impact into an econometric history of the USSR.

An Econometric History of the Soviet Union

In our first year of this project, we feel that notable steps have been taken in developing an econometric history of the USSR for the past two decades. As indicated above, such a history rests first upon a tenable abstraction of economic behavior, a system of operational relationships with both theoretical and statistical content. Second, it should clearly date and quantify the significant changes in economic policy and pure exogenous variables. We will emphasize the first aspect of our econometric history of the USSR as we indicate the major insights into the operation of the Soviet economy that we have gained during the construction of our model. The rest of this section is organised in accord with the components introduced in Section Two.

(1) Factor Supply Equations

Many of the most interesting discoveries arose during the estimation of capital formation equations for the various sectors of the Soviet economy.

In principle, there should be technical relations that phase current and past investment into additions to capital stock (basic funds in Soviet capital accounting). However, we soon recognized that the timing of project completions for certain sectors was quite sensitive to the Five-Year-Plan cycle, i.e., whether a particular year falls toward the beginning or the end of the Five-Year-Plan then in operation. After considerable experimentation, we selected timing one/dummy variable which best captured the impact of investment planning institutions. This variable was constructed to reflect a concentration of project completions toward the end of a Five-Year-Plan and spilling over into the initial year of the subsequent Plan, and it made special allowance for the Seven-Year-Plan (1959-1965). In evaluating the gestation lags for sectoral investment

^{*}See Working Paper #18 for a fuller discussion of these matters.

we also observed the impact of construction priorities; the services and trade sector, in particular, had an unusually long lag of three to four years and was less predictable than other sectors.

anomalies in the official data for sectoral capital stock, that is on years in which the observed change in capital stock could not be reconciled statistically with the observed investment series. In two cases, we concluded that there had been an undisclosed accounting transfer of capital stock between sectors: a transfer from industry to transport in 1958 and a transfer from industry to housing in 1962. We adjusted the corresponding capital stocks, to make each series more consistent, before estimating sectoral production functions.

on the employment side, our estimations tended to confirm the urban drift of Soviet population to increase after a harvest failure, to diminish with the reduction of urban/rural income differentials, and to increase with greater urban housing availability. Participation of the rural population in agricultural employment rose during and immediately after a harvest failure, and private agricultural activity increased after harvest failures. Participation in nonagricultural employment varied directly with increases in the industrial real that wage and also rose toward the end of a Five-Year-Plan. We also found the allocation of nonagricultural employees across sectors was sensitive to past investment ratios, confirming the anticipated pattern of wage fund budgeting from year to year.

(2) Sectoral Production Functions

Substantial econometric work has been done previously on production functions for Soviet industry, at the aggregate and branch levels. Because of the serious statistical problem posed by the high correlation between industrial inputs and output, it is impossible to choose "the" correct specification of aggregate industrial output. Our model includes as alternatives both a Cobb-Douglas and a CES production function for Soviet industry, each being estimated with constraints on factor elasticities. Each performs adequately over the sample period 1955-1972, they but/suggest quite different longrum forecasts for Soviet growth.

Some new ground was broken in estimating production functions for construction and for transport and communications. We found slightly increasing returns in Soviet construction though this was in a specification excluding disembodied technical progress. In transport and communications we confirmed the earlier estimations for Soviet railroads by Holland and Helen Hunter. We found changes in output best explained by capital stock (adjusted for the 1958 transfer), specialist manpower, and a railway utilization index.

Economists who have used standard methods to estimate production functions for Soviet agriculture have frequently been discouraged by high estimates for the labor elasticity and returns to scale. Apparently, this result arises from the observed correlation in the short run between summer precipitation and mandays worked. To overcome this problem, we adoped a two-step estimation procedure. First we computed a "potential output" series by connecting peaks in agricultural output. Then we estimated a Cobb-Douglas production function for potential output using mandays and capital stock; we found a very reasonable result with nearly constant returns to scale and a labor elasticity of about 0.55. We then found that deviations from potential output so determined could be explained by weather variables for spring-summer precipitation and winter temperature, current purchases (fertilizer, fuel, etc.) per ruble of fixed capital, and the ratio of labor input to sown acreage.

(3) Investment Functions

Confirming previous work by Stan'ey Cohn and others, we found nonagricultural investment to be acutely sensitive to the level of defense expenditure (actually, the nonpersonnel component). At least 19 the short run, an increase in defense spending tends to crowd out investment in industry and the services and housing sector. We also found ar impact of the financing plan, published in the Annual Budget, upon realized investment in industry, construction, transport and communications, and housing. Furthermore, we found that the level of gross profits in the economy had a significant positive impact upon the level of industrial investment (and total nonagricultural investment). This finding is consistent with a number of hypotheses about investment determination, and we have made some progress toward discriminating among them. In this regard, it is surprising that gross profits are more significant than profits retained for decentralized investment. Thus, a micro financial cash-flow theory for industrial investment is not supported by our work. Furthermore, economy-wide gross profits are a better predictor than are industry gross profits. This might support the argument that under socialism national saving may be quickly reallocated to where investment needs are greatest without the necessity for complex capital markets as in the West. Tentatively, we lean toward the hypothesis that profits in the Soviet economy, as in Western economies, are a positive proxy for supply conditions, including the state of the harvest. This may suggest that the Soviet financial system intervenes in the investment process to adjust investment demand to the supply situation.

Investment in agriculture has been rising sharply since 1965. Most of the variation around that trend can be explained by current and past harvests. The current harvest has a direct impact upon investment through decentralized construction activity by state and collective farms; such work is curtailed during harvest failures. We also find evidence of a pattern of

"crisis response" by the Soviet leadership; i.e., agricultural investment is boosted after each harvest failure while there is no symmetrical reaction to bumper harvests. This reaction pattern is also observed for current purchases, deliveries from other sectors as inputs to agricultural production; deliveries are boosted after each harvest failure.

(4) Income, Wage and Price Equations

and agriculture could be reasonably explained by a fairly simple model. In our model, the real wage, in the longer-run, bears a stable relationship to average productivity while the price level is determined by a markup on wage costs per unit of output. In the shortrun, there is a partial adjustment of real wages (scaled by last period's price level) toward current average productivity. Given Soviet institutions, it is not surprising that adjustment parameters for both wages and prices need to be variable rather than constant in order to incorporate the timing of major reforms. For the 1960's, the gap between average productivity and the real wage widened in most years, closing significantly only in years of major wage reform.

In our work on Soviet prices, it is difficult to choose an indicator for "free" agricultural prices. After considering the Soviet official series for kolkhoz market prices, we followed a suggestion of Professor Trem1's and constructed an aggregate index from Narkhoz statistics on the "sales of foodstuffs to consumer cooperatives at negotiated prices." Because of its more reasonable pattern after the mid-1960's, we have incorporated the latter index into our consumption price index for food. By allowing reforms to affect adjustment rates, we have developed an acceptable system for other price relationships based upon the markup principle. We have also

estimated equations to explain the movement of sectoral investment deflators, prices which are implicit in the official "constant price" investment series. Each investment deflator depends upon the price index for construction-installation work (an exogenous variable in our model) and the wholesale price index for heavy industry "e chose not to use the official price index for machine-building and metal-working, a series suite untrustworthy because of the new-product pricing bias.

(5) Consumption Functions

It was possible to estimate stable relationships between disposable income and consumption and the estimated propensities to consume were rather similar to those for other economies at a corresponding stage of development. Our major efforts were devoted to estimating price effects and considering relevant supply constraints. The relative consumption price between food and nonfood commodities proved significant in the allocation of consumption across categories. Furthermore, we found clear evidence for harvest constraints on food and soft goods consumption, and some evidence for other supply constraints on durable goods and services. We did not find any evidence to support the often-discussed impact of savings account accumulation upon purchases of durable goods; his effect may still be valid at the micro level for certain income groups but our findings did not substantiate it at the aggregate level.

(6) Foreign Trade

Foreign trade proved to be one of the most difficult components of the model, a result which probably stems from the classification problems in the date (the complete plant difficulty among others), the short sample period

for consistent data, and the fundamental nonregularity of a Soviet trade policy. Many important swings could not be predicted except through the mobilization of extensive descriptive literature. We did find, however, plausible impacts of domestic and foreign activity upon Soviet trade flows and a few significant price effects.

We found only weak, confirmation for the widely-held hypothesis that in some formulations Soviet exports are determined by import needs. On the contrary, we found in the shortrun that exports were actually somewhat less in years of domestic scarcity and high imports. An alternative hypothesis is suggested which emphasizes the importance of supply pressure; viz., in those years when taut plans require additional imports, industries which produce for both domestic and foreign users react more to domestic needs and curtail their exports.

Since the USSR is rapidly expanding its foreign trade with the developed West, further work needs to be done on this component of the model and considerable judgment will be required in forecasting Soviet trade.

Anticipated Gains in Understanding Through the Use of the Model

In this section we have presented some of the insights gained through econometric analysis on specific relations in the model. Beyond these partial insights gained through construction of a model, there are more general discoveries to be made through extensive use of the model for scenarios and forecasts. Within the framework of the entire model, one may experiment with alternative versions of a particular equation or a particular component. The model allows one to evaluate the total influence of one variable upon another, both direct and indirect. This work has only begun and we intend to exercise the model /morre during year of the project, involving a wider constituency in judging the contribution of the econometric model to our understanding of the Soviet economy.

SECTION FOUR: USE OF THE ECONOMETRIC MODEL FOR SCENARIO ANALYSIS

In this section of the report we discuss the major variations which may be used in simulating the model and we describe two conditional scenarios in some detail. In scenario analysis, the user must first decide what version of the model should be selected for his particular problem; the version of the model is determined in operation by setting certain logical switches for the solution program. Second, the user must supply all the necessary assumptions and adjustments that define the scenario in contrast to the economic path actually observed. The model will then be simulated or solved for the desired historical period and a supplementary program is used to display, numerically and graphically, the scenario path compared to the actual path or another simulated path.

Alternative Versions of the Model

In setting up the estimated model for solution, we have programmed alternative versions for certain components of the system, notably consumption and investment. A version of the model is defined by the particular components included in the system for that specific simulation. In addition to the versions described below, we can create further versions by making certain sectors of the model exogenous. For example, we might choose to make all foreign trade variables exogenous; i.e., use the actually observed trade flows rether than those predicted by our behavioral equations. By contrast, we might wish to focus only upon the direct interactions between production and foreign trade, and therefore exogenize the rest of the model to preclude any indirect effects.

(1) Basic Version of the Model

The basic version of the model provides a benchmark for judging the sample-period performance of all other versions. Plan budgeting data is used in the prediction of sectoral investment and total nonagricultural investment is obtained by identity as the sum of its predicted components. Consumption categories (food, softgoods, durables and personal services) are estimated directly/or as shares of total consumption as their sum, mated directly. There is no end-use category which serves as a residual item; a simulation residual in the model absorbs any generated imbalance between GNP supplied and GNP demanded.

The performance of this version of the model over the period 1961-1972 has been very encouraging. For Gross National Product by producing sector, in dynamic simulation we find/a mean absolute error of 3.7 Billion 1970 rubles, or a root-meansquared percentage error of 1.65%. For industrial output we find a RMS% error of 2.19% with the major prediction errors in the model's overprediction for 1964-1969. For agricultural output, the dynamic simulation produces a RMS% error of 2.23% with the largest prediction error in 1969 where we fail to capture the harvest decline (we do much better for 1963 and 1972). Among the principal end-use categories, we generate a RMS% error of 1.35% for total investment and 1.57% for total consumption expenditure. As expected, the prediction errors are larger for foreign trade with a 2.89% error for total Soviet exports and 6.14% error for total Soviet imports. A large portion of trade errors are attributable to underprediction for 1972. Detailed trade data was not available for 1972 so the trade sector was estimated only with time series to 1971. The error in total consumption is larger (1.81% compared with 1.57%) when it is predicted directly with a single behavioral equation rather than computed by summing the direct estimations for categories of consumption. Error statistics are shown in Table 3.

Dynamic Simulation Error Properties, 1961-1972

Basic Version of the Model

Va		Root-Mean Squared Percentage Error	Mean Absolute Error	Mean Absolute Percentage Error
GNP	GNP (B 1970 Rubles)	1.65%	3.7	1.36
XITOT	Industrial Output (1970=10	0) 2.19	1.5	1.93
XATOT	Agricultural Output (B 1955 Rubles)	2.23	1.01	1.74
XCRUB	Construction Output (B 1970 Rubles)	2.98	1.0	2.76
ITOTAL	Total Investment (B 1970 Rubles)	1.35	0.7	1.10
IIN	Investment in Industry (B 1970 Rubles)	1.53	0.3	1.21
IA	Investment in Agriculture (B 1970 Rubles)	4.05	0.4	3.39
CR	Total Consumption (B 1970 Rubles)	1.57	2.1	1.15
JRF	Consumption, Food (B 1970 Rubles)	2.05	1.4	1.49
CRND	Consumption, Non-durables (B 1970 Rubles)	2.46	0.8	2.06
CRD	Consumption, Durables (B 1970 Rubles)	2.44	0.2	2.02
CRS	Consumption, Services (B 1970 Rubles)	1.70	0.5	1.23
ND	Household Income (B 1970 Rubles)	2.36	2.8	1.84
ZPG&	Gross Profits (B Current Rubles)	3.39	1.8 477.4	2.98 4.45
MWT\$	Total Imports (M U.S.\$ Current)	6.14	226.5	2.46
EWT\$	Total Exports (M U.S.\$ Current)	2.89 0.89	192.2	0.69
NI	Industrial Employment (Thousand Persons)	2.66	186.2	2.34
NC	Construction Employment (Thousand Persons) Agricultural Labor, Adjus		649.1	1.68
NTA	(Thousand Persons)	2.03	. 25.9	1.88
WIE	Industrial Wage Rate (Rubles/year) Negotiated Agricultural P		5.3	6.22
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(2) Version with Exogenous Shares for Non-Agricultural Investment

This version enables the user directly to reallocate investment between sectors in scenario analysis or forecasting. Total investment and total nonagricultural investment may be left endogenous to the system or exogenized as are the shares for nonagricultural investment. This permits the user to use the model for forecasting years when the annual budget is not yet determined or available. When we estimate total nonagricultural investment and distribute it with observed investment shares, the errors are slightly larger than in our basic version of the model: 1.69% RMS% error for GNP and 1.37% for total investment.

(3) Version with Total Consumption as a Residual Category

In this version, increases in end-use categories such as defense or investment may depress consumption expenditure since consumption is defined as GNP supplied less all other end-use demands. This version, therefore, is closer in spirit to a common Western perception of Soviet allocative response than is true of the basic version. Since the simulation/forecast residual is forced into the consumption category, one should expect larger errors for consumption. For total consumption, we find a RMS% error of 3.60 compared with 1.57 in the basic version; the largest errors are produced in an overprediction for the mid-1960's. Using the consumption share equations to allocate residual consumption across its categories, the RMS% error rises to 3.64 for food, 4.04 for nondurables, 5.15 for durables, and 3.24 for services.

(4) Version with Consumption Constrained by Sectoral Ouruts Through an I-O Matrix

Using input-output and end-use matrices from the 1966 Input-Output table and supplementary calculations, we computed a synthetic index of deliveries to personal consumption components for the sample period 1955-1972. We then estimated consumption components as functions of those synthetic supply indices (as well as relative prices and other variables). In this version, then, sectoral outputs have a more direct impact upon consumption categories. Though we find larger errors in consumption in this version, they are primarily attributable to the 1964-1969 overprediction of industrial output. Consequently, we feel that this is an auspicious sign for the incorporation of input-output analysis in our future econometric models of the USSR.

RMS% errors for total consumption and the four categories are as

follows:		RMS %	RMS %
	Category	Version (4)	Version (1)
CR	Total Consumption	2.81	1.57
CRF	Food	2.64	2.05
CRND	Nondurables	6.15	2.45
CRD	Durables	4.25	2.44
CRS	Services	1.21	1.70

Scenario I: Removal of the 1963 Harvest Failure

For this scenario we chose to use the basic variant of the model and substitute average weather conditions (computed over the period 1959-1972) for the cold winter and dry summer of 1963. Given the importance of crisis response to harvest failure, we were interested in both the shortrun and longrun consequences when a harvest failure was removed by adjusting the exogenous weather variables from actual historical values. To present this scenario, we will refer to a sequence of charts which compare the scenario path with a simulation path without counterfactual weather for 1963. In these charts, the + signs indicate the scenario path and the * signs indicate the simulation path with actual weather variables.

We begin with agricultural output in Chart I.1; while XATOT is higher in 1963 in the scenario, it is lower for the rest of the simulation period. The reason for this apparent paradox is given in Chart I.2 for agricultural investment. Investment is higher for 1963 for the scenario path because of decentralized investment by state and collective farms; however, scenario investment in agriculture falls behind in 1964-65 because of the absence of "crisis response" by the Soviet leadership and never catches up to the basic simulation path. The impact of diminished capital on agricultural production would have been even more severe except for the augmentation of the agricultural labor force as seen in Chart I.3. Initially (1964-67), the scenario path lacks the increased participation in response to a harvest failure. However, by 1968, the outmigration of rural population stimulated by the harvest failure has come to dominate the participation effect so that agricultural labor is greater on the scenario path. Because of this decrease in agricultural output and increase in agricultural labor, the average labor productivity is less on the scenario path and consequently the agricultural wage rate is diminished as we observe in Chart I.4.

Despite the longrun fall in agricultural output we see in Chart I.5, that scenario GNP is higher by 1968. This results from increased employment and capital stock in the nonagricultural sectors. The increase in nonagricultural employment is somewhat surprising since urban population is initially less on the scenario path. However, the participation rate of the urban population rises because of an increase in the industrial real wage. In turn, the industrial real wage is raised because of the different path of the "negotiated" price for agricultural commodities presented in Chart I.6. The removal

of the harvest failure boosts gross profits as seen in Chart I.7 which in turn raises investment in industry, construction, transport and communications, and services and trade. By the end of the 1960's, this additional capital stock has raised production in the nonagricultural sectors and outweighed the decline in agriculture.

Our final comments on scenario I pertain to the impact upon Soviet foreign trade. As seen in Chart I.8, Soviet exports of food to CMEA economies are larger in 1963-65 under the scenario but smaller thereafter as agricultural production falls behind. As Chart I.9 indicates, imports of wheat and wheat flour from the West are much less in 1964 without the harvest failure but are greater from 1965 on because of the lower scenario production. Other trade flows are also affected but the third intriguing result concerns imports of machinery and manufactures from the West, an effect presented in Chart I.10. These imports are greater in 1963 and 1964, but less from 1965 on, partially in compensation for the increased wheat imports from the West.

Scenario II: A Soviet Defense Build-up, 1965-1967

The actual path of Soviet defense expenditures in the postwar period remains quite a controversial issue among Western analysts. Stanley Cohn has used the official Soviet defense budget supplemented by some proportion of USSR expenditures on science to cover military R&D and military space programs. Most likely, additional defense expenditures are concealed in the financing component of the State budget or elsewhere; however, there is no concensus as to the magnitude of that concealed expenditure or about its movement over time. If such a component varies considerably over the 1960's, then we have not fully accounted for defense impacts upon the Soviet

economy in our model construction. Nevertheless, we have been successful in deriving significant defense impacts, particularly upon investment and consumer durables, using only the nonpersonnel component of the official series for defense expenditures.

Many Western analysts have suggested that a major buildup in military hardware took place from 1965 to 1967 without any substantial rise in the official budget. Certainly, in our work we have noted anomalies in just this period; e.g., a shortfall in industrial investment below its predicted level and a drop in factor productivity in Soviet industry. Consequently, we felt that an interesting scenario would be to augment the official defense budget by, say, 2 billion rubles for each year 1965-1967 and examine the impact upon the national economy. Unlike Scenario I, where we know the actual weather conditions in 1963, in Scenario II, we do not know the true level of defense expenditures in 1965, only the official budget. With a significantly different series for Soviet defense expenditures, one would need to reestimate certain components of the model (particularly the investment functions). We have not done this so far for any alternative expenditure series for defense.

In Chart II.1, we note with some surprise the magnitude of the defense impact upon total investment when all the direct and indirect effects are taken into account. Investment falls by nearly as much (95%) as defense rises. This impact is felt upon all nonagricultural sectors with a 0.9 B ruble fall in industrial investment (Chart II.2), a 0.3 B ruble fall in transport/communications investment (Chart II.3), a 0.4 B ruble fall in housing investment (Chart II.4), and a 0.3 B ruble fall in services/trade investment (Chart II.5) for the years 1965-1967. There was also a very small reduction in investment in the construction industry. As a consequence of reduced non-agricultural capital, we see a reduced GNP in Chart II.6, the reduction amounting to 1.5 billion rubles by 1970.

This diminished capital stock produces a very interesting longrun impact on our model of the Soviet economy. Average labor productivity is less in Soviet industry and this restrains the rise in the industrial wage as seen in Chart II.7. This lowers money incomes and household consumption, thereby adjusting on the demand side to the reduction in GNP supplied. For consumption of durable goods (Chart II.8), we see first the crowding—out effects of defense spending in 1965—1967 and then the delayed income effect from 1968 onwards. This reduction in urban incomes slows the population drift away from agriculture, this lowers slightly nonagricultural employment (Chart II.9) and raises agricultural employment and agricultural output (Chart II.10). The reduction in Soviet GNP serves over the longrun to lower total imports by slightly less than 1% (Chart II.11) and total exports by about 0.2% (Chart II.12).

Conclusions

In these two scenarios and others that we have run, the model has demonstrated quite reasonable behavior. However, the user of the model must be careful in scenario analysis not to push the system unreasonably far from the historical values for exogenous variables. We feel that our analysis has produced a model which simulates Soviet economic behavior quite wall in the neighborhood of the historical path. But to drive the model far from that historical path makes the strong assumption that behavior would be unchanged in quite different circumstances. In the case of Scenario II, for example, a 2 billion ruble increase in defense spending is comparable to actually observed annual changes. However, a 10 billion ruble increase in 1965 would be quite far from the historical record and one would have less confidence in the consequent path traced by the model.

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SECTION FIVE: USE OF THE MODEL IN FORECASTING

Before using an econometric model in forecasting, one typically performs a variety of tests including mean squared error calculations, multiplier studies and ex post forecasting. Furthermore, a new model's forecasting performance is usually compared with that of previous models. In the case of our model, we have recently begun a series of tests that will continue through Fall 1974 in order to assess its characteristics. Though there are no earlier econometric models for the Soviet economy (except for the longerrun Niwa models), one may usefully compare our model's error properties with models for other economies and compare its forecasts with those non-econometric forecasts made by expert observers. In this section of the report we will first describe the necessary procedures in forecasting with the Model. Second, we will present a forecast for 1973, the year following the statistical sample for our model estimation. This is an ex post forecast since we have actual values for certain exogenous variables, such as Soviet weather. Third, we will discuss the steps which are necessary to bring the model to the operational level and a tentative annual schedule for forecasting the Soviet economy, both short and medium term.

Forecasting Procedure: Short and Medium-Term

A short-term forecast for our model extends through the latest year for which we have annual plan and plan budget data. A medium-term forecast will extend from one to four years beyond the short-term forecast. Because of the absence of budgetary data (investment and defense) for medium-term forecasting, a different version of the model must be employed and additional assumptions must be made.

For short-term forecasting, the user will typically use the basic version of the model with budgetary plan figures for investment and defense. Over the forecast period, assumptions are then made for four groups of exogenous variables:

- (1) Demographic variables
- (2) World Trade variables
- (3) Agricultural variables
- (4) Short-term policy variables

Demographic variables include the size of the population and the able-bodied population; assumed values for these variables will be obtained from the projections made by the Department of Commerce (Foreign Demographic Analysis Division).

There are eight trade variables which play a role as exogenous variables in the foreign trade sector of our model. Four of these variables are world trade variables for which extrapolations are typically made in WEFA econometric analysis of world trade and the U.S. economy:

- (1) P599, Import price deflator for manufactures, U.S.;
- (2) PWT9, Price deflator for world trade;
- (3) WTX9, Index of world trade in commodities in constant prices;
- (4) YCMEA9, Index of Net Material Product in the CMEA, exluding the USSR.

The other four variables in this category are specific to the USSR and the user must consult experts on Soviet foreign trade in forecasting their future values:

- (5) PREX9, Dollar/Ruble conversion ratio;
- (6) KGOLD\$9, Gold reserves of the USSR;
- (7) PTM9, Official Soviet price index for imports;
- (8) PTX9, Official Soviet price index for exports.

The third category of exogenous variables for short-term forecasting are agricultural variables. These include the two weather indexes used in the prediction of agricultural output and the level of sown acreage. Some long-range forecasts of Soviet weather are made in the Soviet Union and the

West; these may be used in setting the assumed values for summer-spring precipitation and winter temperature. Sown acreage is another variable for which expert opinion should be consulted; the Diamond-Krueger index has remained quite stable over the past five years but may soon rise with the recent Brezhnev emphasis upon land reclamation.

Finally, we may turn to the policy variables including tax and expenditure rates for budget categories and administrative reforms of prices and wages. In a "normal" forecasting year, the user may simply assume no exogences shifts in policy instruments. However, the model has been constructed so that anticipated reforms may be incorporated in the forecasting procedure. Using official pronouncements on policy changes and price-wage reforms, one may introduce such instrument shifts through assumptions or adjustments before computing the forecast.

For medium-term forecasting, additional assumptions must be made about defense and investment expenditures over the forecast period. For defense, the user must specify both the official defense expenditure category and its distribution between personnel and nonpersonnel components. For investment in a medium-term forecast, one must supply sectoral investment levels for the six sectors of the capital stock: industry, agriculture, construction, transport and communications, housing, and services and trade. Assumptions for these variables may be constructed on the basis of five-year plans and the judgment of Western analysts.

Enough of the forecasting procedure has been described for the reader to recognize the importance of expert opinion in the preparation of a forecast with an econometric model. In forecasting experience for other economies, a

crucial element is the interaction between expert judgment and the econometric model. The model builder may recognize when a component of his system has been predicting badly over the sample period; but he needs the assistance of expert observers in anticipating poor performance of a model component because of structural or policy shifts. On the other side, the model represents a valuable new tool for the expert since it captures, at least to some extent, the complex of interdependencies and enables him to evaluate the sensitivity of the observed economic system to judgmental variables.

An "Ex Post" Forecast for 1973

In Table 1 below, we have provided an "ex post" forecast for 1973 computed using the SRI-WEFA Econometric Model of the USSR. For selected categories of production and use, the Table includes actual values for 1971-72 and predicted values for 1972-73; also included is a growth rate for 1973 calculated from the predicted values for 1972-1973. Before commenting upon the details of the forecast, it is important for the procedure used to be understood. Among the assumptions which are made for the forecast are the actual values for Soviet weather and the annual plan figures for sectoral financing and defense. Because we do not have complete trade statistics for 1972, the model solution must begin in that year using actual historical data for 1971 and earlier. Consequently, the model prediction for 1973 is actually a two-year forecast; however, actual 1972 data were used in estimating all equations of the model except those in the trade sector.

There are no forecasting models for the Soviet economy to serve as benchmarks for evaluating the first applications of the SRI-WEFA Model.

However, there do exist evaluations of Soviet performance in 1973; unfor-

tunately, these tend to be either more aggregative than our model or much more disaggregative (commodity outputs in physical units). The evaluation produced by the U.S. Government provides the clearest standard for judging our model's forecast since the underlying data used and the level of disaggregation are ruite similar. This evaluation is not a forecast since it rests upon fulfillment reports published early in 1974; the only actual 1973 values incorporated in our forecast are the weather variables. In Table 2, we have presented for comparative purposes those preliminary 1973 growth rates published by the U.S. Government. Because of different valuations and slightly different classifications, Table 2 does not provide an exact standard: however, we should be concerned with significant discrepancies.

In general, we are nuite pleased with this initial forecasting effort the forecast is rather close to the U.S. evaluation, particularly on the production side. For all sectors other than construction, we predict sectoral growth rates that are slightly below Washington's rates. The 9.1% growth rate in construction activity appears because of the large increase in forecasted investment in the construction industry (17.9%). On the use side, we predict more investment and less consumption than are indicated in the Mashington figures. Our low forecasts for food and soft goods consumption reflect the agricultural constraint from 1972; this constraint was not so severe in 1973, primarily because of expanded imports from the Mest. The sharp rise of investment (9.2%) predicted by the model is generated by the inertic of Official defense expenditures and a predicted 12% rise in gross profits.

In the foreign trade sector, we predict a high growth rate for both exports (12.9%) and imports (20.0%) in 1973, but those predictions fall short of the preliminary growth rates for Soviet foreign trade. Our errors In terms of the levels are even greater; our predicted values for 1973 are 5 Billion U.S.\$ below estimates of actual levels. Our model, not surprisingly, does not predict the effects of detente on Soviet trade in 1972 and 1973. In using the model to forecast Soviet trade, one will have to incorporate judgmental adjustments for several of the major categories in our system. We will also need to re-estimate this sector of the model using a dummy variable for detente; judgment of experts must then be enlisted in projecting the probable duration of this effect.

In the basic version of the model, one obtains predictions for both sector-of-origin GNP and end-use GNP, and, consequently, there is a simulation/ forecast residual equal to the lifference between the two. In the trial forecast, the model predicts a larger growth rate for sector-of-origin GNP (7.1%) than for end-use GNP (4.9%); there is a net change in the forecast residual of 8 billion 1970 rubles (from -2.6 to +5.4). As an alternative forecast, one may use the version where total consumption is the residual category. The only significant differences between the two forecasts are in consumption and its components are now much higher than the Washington estimates, particularly for food and soft goods. We have more confidence in the Table 1 forecast for consumption though we do recognize the need for model development to allow imports to ease domestic supply constraints on food and soft goods.

TABLE 1

SRI-WEFA MODEL FORECAST FOR 1973

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Indicator	GNP, Sector of Origin Gross Agricultural Output Industrial Output State Construction Activity Transport/Communication Output Government, Services, Domestic Trade	Consumption — Total Food Softgoods Durables Services New Investment — Total Agriculture Industry Construction Transport/Communications Housing Services/Trade	Capital Repair Inventory Change - Domestic Trade Nontrade, nonagriculture Total Imports Total Exports End-Use GNP Forecast Residual

TABLE 2

	a on Soviet Economic (U.S. Government Figurates measured at Fac	res)	1973	1973 & Growth
	GNP Agriculture Industry Constructio Transport/C Domestic Tr Services	on Communications		7.5 16.8 6.2 2.2 7.3 5.4 3.7
Use				
	Consumption — Total Food Softgoods Durables Services Total New Investment Capital Repair Civilian R. & D. Administration			4.3 4.6 4.6 3.3 6.3 3.5 10.0 6.6 4.3
Foreign Trade		Actual Level (B U.S.\$)	
Total In		16.10 15.43	20.98	30.4 38.4

Table 3

Consumption Forecast When Consumption

Is the Residual End-Use Category

	Predicted		Predicted 1973	Prediction	
	1972	1973	Growth Rate	From Table 1	
Consumption Total	221.5	235.6	6.3	2.1	
Food	106.3	112.1	5.4	1.2	
Softgoods	51.1	54.8	7.2	1.0	
Durables	15.8	17.1	8.2	6.3	
Services	48.3	51.5	6.6	4.4	

Towards Operational Forecasting

In the past year, we enlisted expert opinion early in our specification of the model; in the current year, we intend to involve experts actively in the use of the model for both scenario analysis and forecasting. During 1975, we will conduct forecasting trials with the compact five-sector model; this should provide considerable experience in forecasting the Soviet economy that may be transferred to the second-stage sixteen-sector model.

with the budget statement in December 1974, we will issue our first control forecast for 1974 and 1975. Early in 1975 we will convene a seminar of experts to evaluate the performance of the forecasting procedure for 1973 and 1974 and to consider appropriate adjustments for our 1975 forecast. In the Fall of 1975, we will issue a revised forecast for 1975 on the basis of additional information on world trade and Soviet weather and prepare for the December control forecast of 1976. This will set the general pattern for operational forecasting on an annual cycle:

- (1) December-January, we issue a control forecast.
- (2) Early in the year, a session with econometric and Soviet specialists held to evaluate past forecasts and the current control forecast.
- (3) Then, an adjusted forecast will be issued in Spring with a possible revision in the fall.

In Fall 1975, we also anticipate preparing Model II with its Input-Output component for use in forecasting both short and medium term.

we will be experimenting with medium-term forecasts using the compact model in anticipation of the Tenth Five-Year-Plan for 1976-1980. We should then have enough experience to use the Model as an additional means for testing the feasibility of the Five-Year-Plan, as well as a tool for medium-term forecasting.



DOCUMENTATION FOR THE

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ECONOMETRIC MODEL OF THE SOVIET UNION

I. Sectors and Symbols

In its fully endogenous mode, the model consists of 81 stochastic (behavioral and technical, type B) relationships and 32 identities (type I) arranged in the sectors set out below. The sectors are identified by the letter shown; this is the initial symbol in the names of all variables determined in that sector, e.g. PII is a price variable (industrial investment deflator) determined in the P (price) sector.

SECTOR IDENTIFIER	SECTOR NAME	NO. OF REB-type	LATIONSHIPS I-type
N	Population and Employment	10	
T	Population and Employment Investment	10	2
1		8	5
K	Capital Formation	7	8
Α	Other Agricultural Variables	2	
X	Production	5	
W	Wages	5	
Z	Incomes	4	3
P	Prices	11	2
C	Consumption	4	ī
T	Budget Revenues	5	2
В	Budget Outlays	6	ī
E	Exports	5	2
M	Imports	7	2
G	Aggregate Identities and Balances	'n	4
	TOTAL	81	32



II. Simulation

The model is encoded into a simulation program using the WEFA general model solution aystem SOLVEM.* This program has standard facilities to convert the status of any variable (e.g. from endogenous to exogenous) and to apply additive adjustments to any variable. In addition it has facility to change the status of BLOCKS of the model which has been utilized in the following way.

BLOCK NO.	DESCRIPTION	CONSISTING OF SECTORS
1	Foreign Trade	E, M
2	Supply	N, K, A, X
3	Incomes	W, Z, P
4 Investment		I (excl. I.10-I.13)
5 Consumption		С
6 Budget		Т, В
7	Aggregates	G (plus !.10-I.13)

Block 2 is, of course, the central and largest one within which most of the simultaneity is to be found.

An example of the application of the BLOCK facility would be to change the status of BLOCK 4 (investment) from endogenous to exogenous.

A further facility to utilize different alternatives for a particular equation or set of equations, and thus produce different variants of the model, has been employed as follows (ZERO is the initial default option).

We are indebted to George Schink and Bill Brown, the developers of SOLVEM, for guidance in using it for this model.



ALTERNATE SWITCH NO.	SETTING	ALTERNATIVE	EQUATION NUMBERS
1	ZERO	Non-agricultural investment by adding components	I.la-6a
	ONE	Non-agricultural investment by direct function (components by exogenous ratios)	I.1b-6b
2	ZERO	Industrial output from Cobb- Douglas	X.la
	ONE	Industrial output from C.E.S.	X.1b
3	ZERO	Consumption components by directions	C.2a-C.5a
	ONE	Consumption components by supply functions	C.2c-C.5c
4	TWO	Consumption components by share functions	C.2b-C.5b
4	ZERO	Total consumption by adding components	C.lb
	ONE	Total consumption by direct function	C.la
	TWO	Total consumption by supply function	C.1d
	THREE	Total consumption by residual function	C.ld

Except in the form in which total consumption is residually determined (Alt. 4=THREE), GNP is determined both from the side of production (equ. G.3) and from the side of use (by adding components). The difference is a simulation residual defined in equation G.6.

III. Variables

Variables in the model are contained in the attached alphabetical list; there are 113 endogenous and 65 exogenous variables.



The following naming conventions have beem employed.*

SYMBOL		CONVENTION
Initial Symbo	ol	
Sector symbols		Sector of model (see above list) in which endogenous variable is determined
Q		Dummy or time trend variables (figures following generally denote year(s), e.g. Q65 is a dummy variable for 1965)
Final Symbol		
9		Exogenous variable other than Q-type
Embedded or	railing S	ymbols
Industri@s	I C T A	industry construction transport and communications government, trade, services, etc. agriculture
Other	& 70	current ruble value (always used) 1970 price base (not always used)
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Data file management programs developed at WEFA were used to construct, maintain and utilize a databank for the model.** The structure of the list of variables is largely self-explanatory. Variable # refers to the number of the variable in the model (simulation program) which generally differs from the number on the data-

^{*} The reader is urged to study these conventions prior to consulting the equations of the model as an understanding of them will greatly facilitate that process.

^{**} We are indebted to Virginia Long for assistance in setting up up these programs for our purposes.



bank. The set of model variables is a subset of the complete databank; a list for the latter is given separately in Appendix B.

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IV. Equations

Equations are arranged by sector in the sector-order given above. Behavioral equations are written in the form used for estimation with the sample mean value of the dependent variable shown in parentheses beneath it. In some cases auxiliary variables have been defined below the equation in which they appear. Such auxiliary variables serve only this presentation purpose and do not have model variable numbers.

Figures in parentheses under coefficients are t-statistics; absence thereof implies extraneous estimate. R² is the multiple correlation coefficient (unadjusted for degrees of freedom); S.E. is the standard error of estimate and D.W. the Durbin-Watson statistic; D is the normal variate devised by Durbin to test for first order serial correlation in the presence of a lagged dependent variable.

Final equations were estimated by ordinary least squares using T.S.P. (Time Series Processor).*

^{*} We are indebted to Jean-Pierre LeMaitre for assistance in adapting this program to our data files.



N POPULATION AND EMPLOYMENT

(N.1) NPOFU Urban Population

$$\frac{100 \text{ NPOPU}}{\text{NPOP9}} = \frac{36.06531 \text{ QLT28} + 0.11493 (100 \frac{\text{KHU9/NPOPU}}{\text{KHR9/NPOPR}})}{(20.79)} - 2$$

$$(54.1) + \frac{0.01447}{(4.32)} \left(\frac{100 \text{ WI&}}{(\text{ZPWSC&+ZPWS&}) 10.6 / (\text{NASC+NTAP})} \right) - 2$$

$$- \frac{93.27110}{(7.63)} - \frac{0.97486}{(1.08)} \left(\frac{\text{XATOT/1000}}{\text{XATR9}} - 1 \right) - 1$$

 $R^2 = .998$ S.E. = 0.137 D.W. = 1.83 Sample Period 1960-1972

(N.2) NPOPR Rural Population

NPOPR NPOP9 - NPOPU

(N.3) NNAS Non-agricultural, Non-artisan Employment

$$\frac{\text{NNAS}}{\text{NPOPU+NPOPU}_{-1}} = 5.68721 \text{ QT50} + 0.04875 \frac{\text{NPAB9}}{\text{NPOP9}}$$

$$(559.0) + 420.11182 \frac{\text{WI&/PRC}}{(\text{WI&/PRC})_{-1}} + 8.88542 \text{ QPL7}$$

$$(7.93) + 8.88542 \text{ QPL7}$$

 $R^2 = .985$ S.E. = 3.761 D.W. = 1.99 Sample Period 1959-1972

(N.4) NI Industrial Employment

$$\frac{100 \text{ NI}}{\text{NNAS}} = -2.17066 \text{ QLT28} - 0.07047 \text{ QPL7} - 0.22100 \text{ IRII}_{-1}$$

$$(1.20) \qquad (0.54) \qquad (2.39)$$

$$-1.29640 \text{ IRIC}_{-1} + 62.67984$$

$$(4.46) \qquad (19.69)$$

$$R^2 = .968$$
 S.E. = 0.225 D.W. = 1.59 Sample Period 1959-1972



(N.5) NC Construction Employment

$$\frac{100 \text{ NC}}{\text{NNAS}} = -\frac{5.84034 \text{ QLT28}}{(4.36)} - \frac{0.09236 \text{ QPL7}}{(0.96)} + \frac{0.13683 \text{ IRII}}{(2.00)} - 1$$

$$\frac{(11.0)}{(6.06)} + \frac{1.30053 \text{ IRIC}}{(9.27)} + \frac{21.80510}{(9.27)}$$

 $R^2 = .857$ S.E. = 0.167 D.W. = 2.30 Sample Period 1959-1972

(N.6) NT Transport and Communcations Employment

$$\frac{100 \text{ NT}}{\text{NNAS}} = -\frac{6.19842 \text{ QLT28} + 0.06844 \text{ QPL7} + 0.10121 \text{ IRII}}{(8.53)} -1 + \frac{0.30293 \text{ IRIC}}{(2.60)} + \frac{29.16995}{(22.84)}$$

 $R^2 = .975$ S.E. = 0.090 D.W. = 1.34 Sample Period 1959-1972

(N.7) NG Government, Trade, Services, etc., Employment

$$\frac{100 \text{ NG}}{\text{NNAS}} = \frac{14.20937 \text{ QLT28}}{(19.37)} + \frac{0.09439 \text{ QPL7}}{(1.79)} - \frac{0.01705 \text{ IRII}}{(0.45)} - 1$$

$$\frac{36.35}{(2.61)} - \frac{0.30704 \text{ IRIC}}{(10.59)} - \frac{13.65457}{(10.59)}$$

 $R^2 = .997$ S.E. = 0.091 D.W. = 1.68 Sample Period 1959-1972

Equations N.4 - N.7 identically exhaust NNAS from N.3



(N.8) NASC State and Collective Farm Employment

$$\frac{\text{NASC}}{1000 \text{ NPOPR}} = \frac{0.91779}{(13.34)} \left(\frac{\text{NASC}}{1000 \text{ NPOPR}} \right)_{-1} + \frac{0.01993}{(1.10)} + \frac{0.00002771}{(0.94)} \text{ JPS9}$$

$$\frac{-0.01885}{(1.56)} \left\{ \left(\frac{\text{XATOT/1000}}{\text{XATR9}} - 1 \right)_{-1} + \left(\frac{\text{XATOT/1000}}{\text{XATR9}} - 1 \right)_{-2} \right\}$$

$$R^2 = .931$$
 S.E. = 0.004 D.W. = 2.00
Sample Period 1955-1972 D. = 0.00

(N.9) NTAP Private Agricultural Employment

$$R^2 = .846$$
 S.E. = 0.009 D.W. = 1.81 Sample Period 1955-1972

(N.10) NTA Total Agricultural Employment

NTA = NASC + NTAP

(N.11) NIET Engineering-Technical Manpower Employed in Industry

NIET-NIET₋₁ =
$$0.16902 ext{ (NEIND9_1 + NEIND9_2)} - 160.54225 ext{ Q690N}$$
(138.27) + $288.97363 ext{ (NIET_1 - NIET_2)*2.} - 0.13589)$

$$R^2 = 0.798$$
 S.E. = 30.82 D.W. = 1.91
Sample Period 1958-1972



(N.12) NTSP Specialists Employed in Transport and Communications

NTSP Specialists Employed in Transport a

NTSP-NTSP₋₁ = 0.47175 (
$$\frac{\text{NETRA9}_{-1} + \text{NETRA9}_{-2}}{2}$$
)
(41.70)

+ 42.85957
$$\left(\frac{(NTSP_{-1}-NTSP_{-2})*2.}{NETRA9_{-1}+NETRA9_{-2}}-0.49761\right)$$

$$R^2 = 0.836$$
 S.E. = 4.54 D.W. = 2.24 Sample Period 1958-1972



I INVESTMENT

(I.1) IIN Capital Investment in Industry

a.
$$\frac{\text{IIN-IIN}_{-1}}{\text{IIN}_{-1}} = 0.06745 - 0.05765 \text{ Q6567} - 0.19528 \text{ GDF}}{(3.97)}$$

$$(0.076) + 0.18985 \left(\frac{\text{IFAJ&/PII}_{-1} - \text{IFAJ&}_{-1}/\text{PII}_{-2}}{\text{IFAJ&}_{-1}/\text{PII}_{-2}}\right)$$

$$+ 0.18025 \left(\frac{\text{ZPG&/PII}_{-1} - \text{ZPG&}_{-1}/\text{PII}_{-2}}{\text{ZPG&}_{-1}/\text{PII}_{-2}}\right)$$

$$R^{2} = 0.751 \quad \text{S.E.} = 0.022 \quad \text{D.W.} = 2.31$$
Sample Period 1959-1972

Where GDF =
$$\frac{BDNP&9/PIWH70 - (BDNP&9/PIWH70)_{-1}}{(BDNP&9/PIWH70)_{-1}}$$

b. IIN E TRII9.INA

(I.2) ICRUB Capital Investment in Construction

a.
$$\frac{\text{ICRUB-ICRUB}_{-1}}{\text{ICRUB}_{-1}} = -0.06576 \text{ QPL7} + 0.00514 \text{ QT50}}{(1.93)} (2.44)$$

$$+ 0.04428 \left(\frac{\text{IFHK&9/PIHS}_{-1} - \text{IFHK&9}_{-1}/\text{PIHS}_{-2}}{\text{IFHK&9}_{-1}/\text{PIHS}_{-2}} \right)$$

$$+ 0.55762 \left(\frac{\text{IIN-IIN}_{-1}}{\text{IIN}_{-1}} \right)$$

$$R^2 = .415$$
 S.E. = 0.061 D.W. = 2.18 Sample Period 1959-1972



(I.2) ICRUB Continued

b. ICRUB = IRIC9.INA

(I.3) ITRUB Capital Investment in Transport and Communications

a.
$$\frac{\text{ITRUB-ITRUB}_{-1}}{\text{ITRUB}_{-1}} = -0.00882 \text{ QPL7} - 0.03694 \text{ GDF}$$

$$(0.093)$$

$$+ 0.13608 \left(\frac{\text{IFTR&9/PIT}_{-1} - \text{IFTR&9}_{-1}/\text{PIT}_{-2}}{\text{IFTR&9}_{-1}/\text{PIT}_{-2}} \right)$$

$$+ 1.03504 \left(\frac{\text{IIN-IIN}_{-1}}{\text{IIN}_{-1}} \right)$$

$$R^{2} = .687 \qquad \text{S.E.} = 0.032 \qquad \text{D.W.} = 1.22$$
Sample Period 1959-1972

b. ITRUB = IRIT9.INA

(I.4) IHS Capital Investment in Housing

a.
$$\frac{IHS-IHS_{-1}}{IHS_{-1}} = 0.05873 - 0.03956 \text{ QPL7} - 0.17929 \text{ GDF}$$

$$(3.48) \quad (1.79) \quad (2.22)$$

$$(0.040) \quad + 0.09430 \quad (\frac{IFHK&9/PIHS_{-1} - IFHK&9_{-1}/PIHS_{-2}}{IFHK&9_{-1}/PIHS_{-2}})$$

$$R^{2} = .506 \quad S.E. = 0.041 \quad D.W. = 2.09$$
Sample Period 1959-1972



(I.4) IHS Continued

b. THE TRIH9.INA

(I 5) ISER Capital Investment in Government, Trade, Services, etc. (excl. Housing)

a.
$$\frac{\text{ISER-ISER}_{-1}}{\text{ISER}_{-1}} = \underbrace{0.21313}_{(3.30)} - \underbrace{0.06021}_{(3.14)} \text{QPL7} - \underbrace{0.00632}_{(2.30)} \text{QT50}$$

$$(0.085)$$

$$- \underbrace{0.10566}_{(1.19)} \text{GDF} + \underbrace{0.10947}_{(0.33)} (\underbrace{\frac{\text{IIN-IIN}_{-1}}{\text{IIN}_{-1}}})$$

$$R^2 = .719$$
 S.E. = 0.034 D.W. = 1.89 Sample Period 1959-1972

b. ISER IRIS9.INA

(I.6) INA Capital Investment, Total Non-Agricultural

a. Identity Determination

b. Direct Determination

$$\frac{INA-INA_{-1}}{INA_{-1}} = 0.02972 - 0.13948 \text{ GDF}$$

$$(0.071)$$

$$+ 0.10351 \left(\frac{ZPG\&/PII_{-1} - ZPG\&_{-1}/PII_{-2}}{ZPG\&_{-1}/PII_{-2}}\right)$$

(I.6) b. Direct Determination, Continued

+ 1.67670
$$(\frac{\text{IFAJ&/PII}_{-1} + \text{IFTY&9/PIT}_{-1} + \text{IFHK&9/PIHS}_{-1}}{(7.15)} - \frac{1}{\text{IFAJ&}_{-1}/\text{PII}_{-2} + \text{IFTR&9}_{-1}/\text{PIT}_{-2} + \text{IFHK&9}_{-1}/\text{PIHS}_{-2}} - 1.)$$
 $R^2 = .631$ S.E. = 0.022 D.W. = 2.24

Sample Period 1959-1972

(I.7) IA Capital Investment in Agriculture

$$\frac{\text{IA-IA}_{-1}}{\text{IA}_{-1}} = \frac{0.07676}{(6.17)} + \frac{0.02632}{(1.28)} \text{ QPL7} + \frac{0.11862}{(0.70)} \frac{.001\text{XATOT-XATR9}}{\text{XATR9}}$$

$$\frac{(0.098)}{(2.53)} = \frac{.001\text{XATOT}_{1} - \text{XATR9}_{1}}{\text{XACR9}_{1}} - \frac{.001\text{XATOT}_{1} - \text{XATR9}_{1}}{\text{XATR9}_{1}} |)/2.$$

$$R^{2} = .530 \qquad \text{S.E.} = 0.035 \qquad \text{D.W.} = 2.09$$
Sample Period 1959-1972

- (I.8) IFAJ& Adjusted ance for Industry and Construction
 IFAJ& ≡ IFIN&9 4.9 QSH68_1
- (I.9) ITOTAL Total New Capital Investment in the National Economy

 ITOTAL = INA + IA

(I.10) I70T Change in Inventories, Domestic Trade

I70T = 2.88277 - 0.17462 S70T₋₁ + 0.10871 (CR-CRS-CRF) * (4.61) (1.54) (1.32) (2.25) + 0.19459 { (CR-CRS-CRF) * - (CR-CRS-CRF) - 0.45295} (0.88) + 0.06300
$$(\frac{XATOT}{1000} - XATR9 - 0.11439)$$
 (1.10) $(\frac{XATOT}{1000} - XATR9 - 0.51467)$



$$-0.25627 \left(\frac{100 \text{ BDNP&9}}{\text{PIWH}70} - \frac{100 \text{ BDNP&9}_{-1}}{\text{PIWH}70_{-1}} - 0.50432\right)$$

$$R^2 = .740$$
 S.E. = 0.589 D.W. = 1.93 Sample Period 1958-1972

Where ()* = ()
$$_{-1}$$
(.1() $_{-1}$ /() $_{-2}$ + .4() $_{-2}$ /() $_{-3}$ + .4() $_{-3}$ /() $_{-4}$ + .1() $_{-4}$ /() $_{-5}$)

i.e., () projected from (.1, .4, .4, .1) moving average of previous four growth rates

(I.11) I70NTA Change in Inventories, Non-trade, Non-agricultural

I70NTA =
$$-4.08647 - 3.50049 Q55 - 0.50651 IS70NTA_{-1}$$

(1.08) (3.18) (1.99)
+ 0.22720 GNPNA* - 0.23743 (GNPNA* - GNPNA - .50769)
(2.14) (0.71)

 $R^2 = .475$ S.E. = 2.594 D.W. = 1.92 Sample Period 1955-1972

IS70T Stock of Inventories, Domestic Trade (I.12)

IS70T | IS70T + I70T

(I.13) IS70NTA Stock of Inventories, Non-trade, Non-agricultural



K CAPITAL FORMATION

- (K.1) KITOT Industrial Basic Funds (Capital Stock) (At Jan. 1)

 KITOT+1 = KITOT + KNDI
- (K.2) KIA Adjusted Industrial Capital Stock (at Jan. 1)

 KIA+1 = KITOT+1 KIT589 KIH629

$$R^2 = .984$$
 S.E. = 0.934 D.W. = 1.95
Sample Period 1959-1972

(K.4) KCR Construction Basic Funds (Capital Stock) (at Jan. 1)

KCR₊₁ = KCR + KNDC



(K.5) KNDC Construction Capital Formation

KNDC +
$$0.06$$
 KCP = 0.44919 QPL5 + 0.88031 ICRUB (1.88) (2.80) (16.81)

$$R^2 = .900$$
 S.E. = 0.306 D.W. = 1.61 Sample Period 1958-1972

(K.6) KTR Transport and Communications Basic Funds (Capital Stock)

(at Jan. 1)

KTR+1 KTR + KNDT

(K.7) KTA Adjusted Transport and Communications Basic Funds (at Jan. 1)

 $KTA_{+1} \equiv KTR_{+1} + KIT589$

(K.8) KNDT Transport and Communications Capital Formation

KNDT + 0.025 KTR =
$$2.41486 Q65 + 0.62535 (ITRUB+ITRUB_{-1})$$

(7.28)

 $R^2 = .948$ S.E. = 0.495 D.W. = 1.85 Sample Period 1959-1972

(K.9) KST Government, Trade, Services, etc. (excl. Housin;)
Basic Funds (Capital Stock) (at Jan. 1)

KST₊₁ = KST + KNDS

(K.10) KHBF Housing Basic Funds (Capital Stock) (at Jan. 1)

KHBF₊₁ = KHBF + KNDH



(K.11) KHA Adjusted Housing Basic Funds (at Jan. 1)
$$KHA_{+1} KHBF_{+1} + \frac{7.84}{1.74} KIH629$$

KNDS + 0.02 KST = 0.39754 (ISER
$$_{-2}$$
+ISER $_{-3}$ +ISER $_{-4}$)

$$R^2 = .603$$
 S.E. = 2.29 D.W. = 1.72 Sample Period 1960-1972

(K.13) KNDH Housing Capital Formation

KNDH + 0.02 KHBF =
$$-0.32494$$
 QPL7 + 7.84119 Q62 (10.81) + 0.47519 (IHS+IHS₋₁) (40.53)

$$R^2 = .923$$
 S.E. = 0.683 D.W. = 1.79 Sample Period 1960-1972

(K.14) KAIR Agricultural Capital Stock (excl. Productive Livestock) (mid-year)

KAIR - 0.95 KAIR - 1 = 0.55756 QPL7 + 0.67846
$$(\frac{IA+IA-1}{2})$$
 (6.45)

$$R^2 = .976$$
 S.E. = 0.430 D.W. = 1.82 Sample Period 1957-1972



(K.15) KTCUS Freight Car Utilization Rate

KTCUS =
$$157.89569 + 3.18346 \text{ QT50} - 0.16930 \text{ (QT50)}^2$$

(241.0) (15.63) (6.29) (4.19)

$$-\frac{18.40742}{(3.49)} \left(\frac{BDNP&9/PIWH70}{(BDNP&9/PIWH70)} - - 1\right)$$

$$R^2 = .973$$
 S.E. = 2.59 D.W. = 2.03 Sample Period 1958-1972



A OTHER AGRICULTURAL VARIABLES

(A.1) ALVR Livestock (constant price value)

$$\frac{\text{ALVR-ALVR}_{-1}}{\text{ALVR}_{-1}} = -0.08358 - 0.00738 \text{ QT50} \\ (0.064) + 0.10603 \frac{\text{XACTOAL9}_{-1}}{1000 \text{ ALVR}_{-1}} + 0.52321 \frac{\text{KWAL9}_{-1}}{100} \\ + 0.10728 \left(\frac{\text{XATOT}_{-1}}{1000 \text{ XATR9}_{-1}} + \frac{\text{XATOT}_{-2}}{1000 \text{ XATR9}_{-2}} - 2.\right)$$

 $R^2 = .760$ S.E. = 0.014 D.W. = 2.29 Sample Period 1959-1972

(A.2) AACI Current Purchases Index

$$\frac{\text{AACI-AACI}_{-1}}{\text{AACI}_{-1}} = \begin{array}{c} 0.09838 - 0.00206 \text{ QT50} + 0.13612 & (\frac{\text{XATOT/1000}}{\text{XATR9}} - 1) \\ (0.074) & -0.29641 \text{ XAN12} \\ (44.30) & \end{array}$$

$$R^2 = 0.725$$
 S.E. = 0.016 D.W. = 1.61 Sample Period 1959-1972

Where
$$XAN12 = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{XATOT_{-1}/1000}{XATR9_{-1}} + \frac{XATOT_{-2}/1000}{XATR9_{-2}} - 2 \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \left| \frac{XATOT_{-1}/1000}{XATR9_{-1}} - 1 \right| + \left| \frac{XATOT_{-2}/1000}{XATR9_{-2}} - 1 \right| \right\}$$

X PRODUCTION

(X.1) XITOT Industrial Output Index

a. Cobb-Douglas Constrained

$$ln \text{ XITOT} = -3.56029 + 1.08975 \{0.535 ln (\frac{\text{KIA}_{+1} + \text{KIA}}{2}) + 0.465 [9.845 ln (\text{NI-NIET}) + 0.155 ln \text{NIET}]}$$

$$R^2 = .998$$
 S.E. = 0.026 D.W. = 0.29 Sample Period 1950-1972

b. C.E.S. Constrained

$$ln \text{ XITOT} = -0.43702 - 0.92082 \text{ QT50}$$

$$(3.94) \quad (1.26) \quad (2.09)$$

$$-0.48073 \quad ln \quad \{0.535 \frac{(\text{KIA} + 1 + \text{KIA})}{2} - 2.0$$

$$(9.93) \quad + 0.465 \quad \{(\text{NI-NIET})^{0.845} \text{NIET}^{0.155}\}^{-2.0}\}$$

(X.2) XCRUB Construction Activity

$$R^2 = .997$$
 S.E. = 0.019 D.W. = 1.46
Sample Period 1958-1972



(X.3) XT7R Transport and Communications Index

$$l_{n} \text{ XT7R} = -3.22571 + 0.68888 \ l_{n} \left(\frac{\text{KTA}_{+1} + \text{KTA}_{+1}}{2}\right) + 0.21616 \ l_{n} \frac{(\text{NTSP} + \text{NTSP}_{-1})}{2} + 0.58947 \ l_{n} \text{KTCUS}$$

$$(3.16)$$

$$R^2 = .999$$
 S.E. = 0.011 D.W. = 1.10 Sample Period 1956-1972

(X.4) XGNPGEP Government, Trade, Services, etc. Production Index

(X.5) XATOT Agricultural Output

$$ln \frac{XATOT}{1000} = ln XATPK + LPRES$$

Where *ln* XATPK is capacity output (linked peak) in agriculture obtained from:

$$ln \text{ XATPK} = 0.54275 + 0.40856 \ ln \text{ KAIR} + 0.53310 \ ln \ (.001NTA)$$
(4.09) (0.33) (11.04) (1.27)

$$R^2 = .965$$
 S.E. = 0.028 D.W. = 0.65
Sample Period 1959-1972

Actual LIRES is defined as

$$ln \frac{XATOT}{1000}$$
 - (fitted) $ln XATPK$ and obtained from:



(X.5) XATOT Continued

LPRES =
$$-0.03348 + 0.00106$$
 JPS9 + 0.00464 JTW9 (-0.034) (4.92) (4.70) (3.13) + 2.82309 ($\frac{0.0557 \text{ AACI}}{\text{KAIR}} - 0.10532$) + 1.10760 ($\frac{.001 \text{ NTA}}{\text{SAI9}} - .39076$) (2.13)

 $R^2 = .866$ S.E. = 0.026 D.W. = 2.63 Sample Period 1959-1972

W WAGES

(W.1) WI& Industrial Average Wage

$$R^2 = 0.882$$
 S.E. = 0.252 D.W. = 1.44
Sample Period 1959-1972

Where
$$DVWI = \frac{100WI\&/(0.01PRC_{-1})}{1766.28XITOT/(NI/10^3)} \frac{(real wage)}{(average product)}$$

$$DVWIL = \frac{100WI\&-1/(0.01PRC_{-1})}{1766.28XITOT_{-1}/(NI_{-1}/10^3)}$$

$$DHWI = 30.71635 - 0.57927 QLT28 (trend value of DVWI)$$

(W.2) WASC& State and Collective Farm Average Wage

$$DVWA-DVWA_{-1} = 0.80684 DHWA - 0.76936 DVWA_{-1} - 1.20073$$
(2.44)

$$R^2 = .388$$
 S.E. = 2.67 D.W. = 1.66
Sample Period 1959-1972

where DVWA =
$$\frac{100 \text{ WASC&/(0.01 PRC}_{-1})}{\text{XATOT/(NTA/103)}} \quad (\frac{\text{real wage}}{\text{average product}})$$

(W.3) WC& Construction Average Wage

$$\frac{WC\&}{WI\&} = 0.36080 \text{ QLT28} - 0.24725$$
(13.48) (2.54)

$$R^2 = .933$$
 S.E. = 0.012 D.W. = 1.81 Sample Period 1958-1972

(W.4) WT& Transport and Communications Average Wage

$$\frac{WT\&}{WI\&} = \begin{array}{c} 0.85189 & (\frac{WT\&}{WI\&}) - 1 & + 0.15026 \\ (7.72) & (1.41) & \\ (0.975) & \\ R^2 = .833 & S.E. = 0.012 & D.W. = 1.34 \\ Sample Period 1959-1972 & D. = 1.36 \\ \end{array}$$

(W.5) WG& Government, Trade, Services, etc., Average Wage

$$\frac{WG\&}{WI\&} = \begin{array}{c} 0.86122 & (\frac{WG\&}{WI\&}) - 1 & + 0.08483 & Q65 & + 0.10195 \\ (11.26) & (8.43) & (1.70) \end{array}$$

$$R^2 = .939$$
 S.E. = 0.010 D.W. = 1.99 Sample Period 1959-1972 D. = 0.02

z INCOMES

(2.1) ZWU& Urban Workers Gross Earnings

 $ZWU& = 1.02919 \ ZWH& - 8.00359 \ QLT28 + 27.22865 \ (91.48) \ (169.42) \ (4.90) \ (5.01)$

 $R^2 = 1.000$ S.E. = 0.092 D.W. = 1.96 Sample Period 1960-1972

WHERE ZWH& = NI.WI& + NC.WC& + NT.WT& + NG.WG&

- (Z.2) ZPWSC& State and Collective Farm Wage Payments
 ZPWSC& NASC.WASC/10.6
- (2.3) ZPWS& Income from Sale of Farm Products

ln ZPWS& = 0.88832 ln PAFC70 + 0.55867 ln $\frac{\text{XATOT}}{1000}$ - 4.17838 (1.953) (2.32) (1.79)

 $R^2 = .803$ S.E. = 0.114 D.W. = 1.31 Sample Period 1955-1972

(2.4) ZP& Total Money Income

ZP& = ZWU& + ZPWSC& + ZPWS& + ZPW. 9 + ZPPC&9 + ZPWM&9 + BPS&

(2.5) ZPAK& Agricultural Income in Kind

ln ZPAK& = 0.73023 (ln PAFC70 + ln $\frac{XATOT}{1000}$) - 0.00671 QT50 (2.397) (1.89)

- 3.40076 (1.31)

 $R^2 = .626$ S.E. = 0.093 D.W. = 1.25 Sample Period 1956-1966



(2.6) ZD Real Disposable Income

ZD = (ZP& + ZPAK& - TP&)/PRC

(Z.7) ZPG& Gross Profits

$$ZPG\&/ZPG\&_{-1} = 1.10300 + 0.11796 Q6768 + 0.61951 (\frac{.001 XATOT}{XATR9} - 1)$$
(1.119)

 $R^2 = .628$ S.E. = 0.052 D.W. = 2.64 Sample Period 1959-1972

P PRICES

(P.1) PNF70 State Retail Price, Non-food Goods

$$\frac{\text{FNF70}}{1+\text{RTTD9}} - (\frac{\text{PNF7}(1+\text{RTTD9})}{1+\text{RTTD9}}) - 1 = 0.76891 + 2.39128 \text{ Q67}$$

$$(0.354) + 0.15939 (PWIQN - (\frac{\text{PNF70}}{1+\text{RTTD9}}) - 1)$$

$$R^2 = .353$$
 S.E. = 1.02 D.W. = 2.16
Sample Period 1958-1972

WHERE PWIQN = WIQN/K (normally marked-up industrial wage)
$$WIQN = \frac{100 \text{ WI} \text{ s}}{1766.28 \text{ XITOT/(.001 NI)}}$$

$$K = 30.71635 - 0.57927 \text{ QLT28}$$

(P.2) PIRF70 State Retail Price, Food Goods

$$\frac{PIRF70}{1+RTTD9} - (\frac{PIRF70}{1+RTTD9})_{-1} = 1.57128 + 1.80819 Q67$$

$$(1.326) + 0.15688 (.85 PWIQN + .15 PAFC70_{-1}$$

$$(2.63) - (\frac{PIRF70}{1+RTTD9})_{-1})$$

$$R^2 = .395$$
 S.E. = 1.08 D.W. = 2.59 Sample Period 1958-1972

(P.3) PAFC70 Price of Food Sold to Co-ops at Negotiated Prices

$$ln$$
 PAFC70- ln PAFC70₋₁ = 0.29615 + 0.53322 ln CFD (0.026) (0.83) (1.96) - 0.66879 ln (ln CFD (1.93) (1.93)

$$R^2 = .215$$
 S.E. = 0.056 D.W. = 1.90 Sample Period 1956-1972



(P.3) PAFC70 Continued

WHERE CFD =
$$z(-0.37166 \ (\frac{z}{z_{-1}}) + 0.29492 \ \text{XATR9} + 0.19534 \ \text{XATR9}_{-1}$$

$$- 0.93662 \ \text{PRFH} + 1.79493) \ (\text{desired food consumption})$$

PRFH = exp (-0.24647 + 0.01212 QT50)
(Trend relative food price)

- (P.4) PFCC Consumption Price, Food

 PFCC = .875 PIRF70 + .125 PAFC70
- (P.5) PRC Consumption Price, Total

 PRC = .60 PFCC + .40 PNF70



(P.6) PIWL70 Wholesale Price, Light Industry

$$PIWL70 - PIWL70_{-1} = 0.19492 - 1.50740 Q67$$

$$(-0.056) + 0.11793 (PWIQN - PIWL70_{-1})$$

$$(2.10)$$

 $R^2 = .442$ S.E. = 0.739 D.W. = 2.11 Sample Period 1958-1972

(P.7) PIWH70 Wholesale Price, Heavy Industry

$$PIWH70-PIWH70_{-1} = -0.92370 + 13.69345 Q67$$

$$(0.505) + 0.08150 (PWIQN-PIWH70_{-1})$$

$$(0.68)$$

 $R^2 = .846$ S.E. = 1.682 D.W. = 2.53 Sample Period 1958-1972

(P.8) PII Investment Deflator, Industry

 $R^2 = .934$ S.E. = 1.62 D.W. = 0.36 Sample Period 1957-1972

(P.9) PIC Investment Deflator, Construction

 $R^2 = .727$ S.E. = 3.56 D.W. = 2.13 Sample Period 1957-1972



(P.10) PIT Investment Deflator, Transport and Communications

$$PIT = 0.67878 PXCON9 + 0.32086 PIWH70$$
(87.0) (4.10) (2.13)

$$R^2 = .699$$
 S.E. = 4.40 D.W. = 0.34 Sample Period 1957-1972

(P.11) PIS Investment Deflator, Government, Trade, Services, etc. (excl. Housing)

$$R^2 = .899$$
 S.E. = 1.88 D.W. = 0.36 Sample Period 19.7-1972

(P.12) PIHS Investment Deflator, Housing

$$R^2 = .971$$
 S.E. = 1.11 D.W. = 0.53 Sample Period 1957-1972

(P.13) PIA Investment Deflator, Agriculture

$$R^2 = .983$$
 S.E. = 0.410 D.W. = 1.16 Sample Period 1957-1972

C CONSUMPTION

(C.1) CR Total

a. Direct Determination

$$\frac{CR}{ZD} = 0.45644 - 1.85219 \frac{QT50}{100} + 4.11458 \left(\frac{QT50}{100}\right)^{2}$$

$$+ 0.21715 \frac{XATOT}{1000 ZD} + 0.42949 \frac{XATOT_{-1}}{1000 ZD}$$

$$+ 0.50341 \frac{1.76628 XITOT + .60907 XGNPGEP}{ZD}$$

 $R^2 = .980$ S.E. = 0.0176 D.W. = 1.84 Sample Period 1956-1972

b. Identity Determination

CR = CRF + CRND + CRD + CRS

c. Supply Determination

$$R^2 = .999$$
 S.E. = 0.011 D.W. = 1.41 Sample Period 1956-1972

Where CST = CSF + CSN + CSD + CSS (see C.2.c-C.5.c, below)



(C.2) CRF Food

a. Share of Total

$$\frac{NF}{CR} = -0.15501 \frac{PFCC}{PNF70} - 0.01328 \frac{1.76628 \text{ XITOT}}{ZD}$$

$$(0.511)$$

$$-0.06181 \frac{100 \text{ BDNP} 49}{(PIWH70) (ZD)} + 0.51745 \frac{CRF}{CR} - 1$$

$$+ 0.84089 \frac{CRND}{CR} - 1 - 1.09810 \frac{CRD}{CR} - 1 + 1.32616 \frac{CRS}{CR} - 1$$

$$(3.90)$$

$$R^2 = .986 \qquad S.E. = 0.0035 \qquad D.W. = 2.11$$

$$Sample Period 1957-1972 \qquad D. = 0.26$$

b. Direct Determination

$$\frac{\text{CRF}}{\text{ZD}} = \frac{1.56124}{(2.91)} - \frac{0.81390}{(2.18)} \frac{\text{PFCC}}{\text{PNF70}} - \frac{0.32954}{(2.09)} \frac{\text{ZD}}{\text{ZD}} - \frac{1}{(2.09)} + \frac{0.642}{(2.09)} + \frac{\text{XATOT}}{1000 \text{ZD}} + \frac{1}{(0.82)} + \frac{\text{XATOT}}{1000 \text{ZD}} + \frac{1}{(0.82)}$$

 $R^2 = .978$ S.E. = 0.0143 D.W. = 1.75 Sample Period 1956-1972

c. Supply Determination

$$R^2 = .996$$
 S.E. = 0.016 D.W. = 1.92 Sample Period 1956-1972



(C.2) c. Supply Determination, Continued

WHERE

are synthetic measures of supply based on 1966 Input-Output and delivery matrices:

CSF = consumption, food

CSN = consumption, soft goods

CSD = consumption, durables

CSS = consumption, services

ITS = all other end uses

(C.3) CRND Soft Goods

a. Share of Total

$$\frac{\text{CRND}}{\text{CR}} = 0.03940 \frac{\text{PFCC}}{\text{PNF70}} - 0.03086 \frac{1.76628\text{XITOT}}{\text{ZD}}$$

$$(0.222)$$

$$- 0.11033 \frac{100 \text{ DNP69}}{\text{PIWH70}} + 0.27856 \frac{\text{CRF}}{\text{CR}} - 1$$

$$+ 0.58998 \frac{\text{CRND}}{\text{CR}} - 1 + 0.6990 \frac{\text{CRD}}{\text{CR}} - 1$$

$$- 0.42023 \frac{\text{CRS}}{\text{CR}} - 1$$

$$(3.24)$$

$$R^2 = .949$$
 S.E. = 0.0018 D.W. = 2.30 D. = 0.67



(C.3) b. Direct Determination

$$\frac{\text{CRND}}{\text{ZD}} = 0.86313 - 0.48561 \quad \frac{\text{PFCC}}{\text{PNF70}} - 0.21556 \quad \frac{\text{ZD}}{\text{ZD}} - 1$$

$$(0.276) + 0.06009 \quad \frac{\text{XATOT}}{1000\text{ZD}} + 0.05221 \quad \frac{\text{XATOL}}{1000 \text{ZD}} + 0.29550 \quad \frac{\text{QT50}}{100} + 0.18024 \quad (\frac{\text{QT}}{100})^{2}$$

$$+ 0.29550 \quad \frac{\text{QT50}}{100} + 0.18024 \quad (\frac{\text{QT}}{100})^{2}$$

 $R^2 = .939$ S.E. = 0.0062 D.W. = 1.19 Sample Period 1956-1972

c. Supply Determination

$$ln CRND = -2.08094 + 1.66978 ln CSN - 2.14558 ln \frac{PFCC}{PNF70}$$

$$(3.52) -1.48064 ln (\frac{PFCC}{PNF70}) - 0.31050 ln (\frac{XATOT}{1000XATR9})$$

$$+ 0.38535 ln (\frac{XATOT}{1000XATR9}) - 1$$

 $R^2 = .996$ S.E. = 0.022 D.W. = 1.05 Sample Period 1956-1972

(C.4) CRD Durable Goods

a. Share of Total

$$\frac{\text{CRD}}{\text{CR}} = 0.02484 \frac{\text{PFCC}}{\text{PNF70}} + 0.02323 \frac{1.76628 \text{ XITOT}}{\text{ZD}}$$

$$(0.055)$$

$$- 0.02875 \frac{100 \text{BDNP} \& 9}{\text{PIWH70}} + 0.05453 \frac{\text{CRF}}{\text{CR}} - 1$$

(C.4) a. Share of Total, Continued

$$R^2 = .998$$
 S.E. = 0.0008 D.W. = 2.37 Sample Period 1957-1972 D. = 0.84

b Direct Determination

$$\frac{\text{CRD}}{\text{ZD}} = -0.02884 + 0.04322 \frac{1.76628 \text{ XITOT}}{\text{ZD}}$$

$$(0.067) - 0.10504 \frac{100 \text{BDNP} \text{\&/PJ} \text{\text{MH}} 70}{\text{ZD}} + 0.64085 \frac{\text{QT50}}{100}$$

$$-1.42135 \left(\frac{\text{QT50}}{100}\right)^{2}$$

$$(6.92)$$

$$R^2 = .993$$
 S.E. = 0.0010 D.W. = 1.53
Sample Period 1957-1972

c. Supply Determination

$$ln CRD = -3.23206 + 2.62125 ln CSD - 0.17132 QT502/100.$$
(2.07)
$$+ 0.79544 ln (\frac{PFCC}{PNF70})$$
(0.99)

$$R^2 = .996$$
 S.E. = 0.034 D.W. = 1.59
Sample Period 1957-1972

(C.5) CRS Services

a. Share of Total

$$\frac{CRS}{CR} = 0.09078 \frac{PFCC}{PNF70} + 0.02092 \frac{1.76628XITOT}{ZD}$$

$$(0.212) + 0.20088 \frac{100BDNP49}{(2.73)} + 0.14946 \frac{(CRF)}{CR} - 1$$

$$- 0.26463 \frac{(CRND)}{CR} - 1 + 0.35198 \frac{(CRD)}{CR} - 1$$

$$+ 0.25978 \frac{(CRS)}{CR} - 1$$

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$$R^2$$
 = .961 S.E. = 0.0022 D.W. = 1.97 Sample Period 1957-1972 D. = 0.08

b. Direct Determination

$$\frac{\text{CRS}}{\text{ZD}} = 0.01632 + 0.45799 \frac{.60907 \text{ XGNPGEP}}{\text{ZD}} + 0.79519 \frac{\text{QT50}}{100}$$

$$-1.98105 \left(\frac{\text{QT50}}{100}\right)^{2}$$
(5.88)

$$R^2 = .965$$
 S.E. = 0.0029 D.W. = 1.80 Sample Period 1956-1972

c. Supply Determination

$$ln \ CRS = 1.63064 + 0.94947 \ ln \ CSS + 0.15428 \ ln \ \frac{PFCC}{PNF70}$$

$$(12.51) \ (17.55) \ (0.60)$$

$$- 0.19929 \ ln \ (\frac{XATOT}{10^{\circ}0XATR9}) - 0.01594 \ ln \ (\frac{XATOT}{1000XATR9}) - 1$$

$$+ 0.02462 \ ln \frac{IT}{CST + ITS}$$

$$(2.32)$$

$$R^{2} = .999 \ S.E. = 0.009 \ D.W. = 1.86$$
Sample Period 1956-1972



ITA = ITOTAL + BNAUk&/(.2WG&/1246.8 + .8 PIWH70/100.) + 100 BDNP&9/PIWH70

(investment plus science and defence non-personnel)

EFA

T RUDGET REVENUES

D.)F, DPRC and ZW& are defined below (T.7).

(T.1) TDP& Deductions from Profit

$$\frac{\text{TDP&}}{\text{ZPG&}} = 1.02798 \text{ RTDP9} + 1.60217 \text{ DDF} - 0.10076 \text{ Q67} - 1$$

$$(0.732)$$

$$R^2 = 0.780$$
 S.E. = 0.039 D.W. = 1.30 Sample Period 1958-1972

(T.2) TT& Turnover Tax

$$\frac{\text{TT\&}}{2\text{W\&}} = 0.83810 - 0.04101 \text{ QT50} + 0.00078689 \text{ (QT50)}^{2}$$

$$(0.400) + 1.00843 \text{ DPRC}_{-1} - 0.73170 \text{ DDF}$$

$$(2.92) + 0.00078689 \text{ (QT50)}^{2}$$

$$R^2 = 0.973$$
 S.E. = 0.013 D.W. = 1.28 Sample Period 1958-1972

(T.3) TOSS& Other Revenues from Social Sector

$$\frac{\text{TOSS\&}}{\text{ZPG\&}} = 0.47410 + 0.34287 \text{ Q5861} + 0.19473 \text{ Q6265}$$

$$(35.99) \quad (15.69) \quad (8.91)$$

$$R^2 = 0.956$$
 S.E. = 0.035 D.W. = 2.06 Sample Period 1958-1972

(T.4) TSD& Social Insurance Deductions

$$\frac{\text{TSD\&}}{\text{ZW\&}} = 0.05724 + 0.00241 \text{ Q59}$$

$$(313.92) \quad (3.42)$$

$$R^2 = 0.475$$
 S.E. = 0.001 D.W. = 1.28 Sample Period 1958-1972



(T.5) TPOP& Taxes on the Population

$$\frac{\text{TPOP&}}{\text{ZW&}} = 0.09193 + 0.02019 \text{ Q5859} - 0.01174 \text{ Q6467}$$

$$(0.092) (7.96) (6.02)$$

$$R^2 = 0.915$$
 S.E. = 0.003 D.W. = 1.52 Sample Period 1958-1972

(T.6) TP& Personal Taxes (for Disposable Income)

TP& TPOP& + TPA&9

(T.7) TR& Total Revenues, State Budget

Where:

DDF = $\frac{BD\&9}{BGN\&}$ - 0.132 Defense Share, Deviation from Mean

DPRC $= \frac{PRC}{PRC_{-1}} - 1$. Consumption Price Deflator, Rate of Change

ZW& ZWU& + ZPWSC& + ZPWC&9 Total Money Wage Income



B BUDGET OUTLAYS

DDF is defined in (T.7) above. DWG is defined below in (B.7).

(B.1) BF& Financing of the National Economy

$$\frac{BF6}{BF6} = 1.07077 - 0.11476 Q61 + 0.06917 Q6768 + 0.12474 Q70 (98.06) (3.17) (2.59) (3.44)$$

 $R^2 = 0.755$ S.E. = 0.035 D.W. = 2.88 Sample Period 1959-1972

(B.2) BSC& Social and Cultural Measures (includes Science)

$$\frac{BSC\&}{BSC\&} = 1.08046 + 0.56558 DWG + 0.00751 Q68$$
(1.081)

 $R^2 = 0.802$ S.E. = 0.011 D.W. = 1.39 Sample Period 1959-1972

(B.3) BNAUK& Science

$$\frac{BNAUK\&}{BNAUK\&} = 1.24905 - 0.00841 QT50$$
(58.14) (6.65)

(1.110)

 $R^2 = 0.786$ S.E. = 0.019 D.W. = 2.50 Sample Period 1959-1972

(B.4) BAD& Administration

$$\frac{BAD6}{BAD6} = 1.02926 + 1.33383 DWG - 0.78772 DDF + 0.01831 Q6768$$

$$(88.09) (4.09) (1.16) (0.58)$$

(1.031)

 $R^2 = 0.672$ S.E. = 0.040 D.W. = 2.28 Sample Period 1959-1972

(B.5) BRES& Expenditure Residual

$$\frac{BRES6}{BGN6} = 0.08431 - 0.002623 QT50 - 0.01670 Q63 - 0.01086 Q6768 (12.97) (6.62) (3.48) (3.65)$$

$$+ 0.00622 DWG - 0.18515 DDF (1.49) (1.65)$$

 $R^2 = 0.934$ S.E. = 0.004 D.W. = 2.80 Sample Period 1958-1972

(B.6) BGN& Total Expenditures

BGN& BF& + BSC& + BAD& + BRES& + BD&9

(B.7) BPS& Transfer Payments (for Disposable Income)

$$\frac{BPS\&}{BSC\&-BNAUK\&} = 0.49375 + 0.01005 Q5861 - 0.02438 Q6368 (0.487) (1.75) (4.72)$$

$$R^2 = 0.787$$
 S.E. = 0.009 D.W. = 2.32 Sample Period 1958-1972

DWG $\frac{WG\&}{WG\&_{-1}}$ - 1.03536 Government Wage, Deviation of Rate of Change from Mean



E EXPORTS

(E.1) EEF\$ TO CMEA, Food

$$ln \text{ EEF\$} = 2.90136 + 0.51843 \ ln \text{ EEF\$}_{-1} + 0.77452 \ (ln \text{ MET\$}-ln \text{EEO\$})$$

$$(6.11) + 2.50598 \ (ln \frac{\text{XATOT}_{-1}}{1000} - ln \text{ XATR9}_{-1})$$

$$R^2 = .904$$
 S.E. = 0.065 D.W. = 2.03
Sample Period 1961-1971 D. = 0.06

(E.2) EFOS TO CMEA, Other

$$l_{2l} = 1.18216 + 0.50021 l_{2l} + 0.61935 l_{2l} = 0.61935 l_{2l} = 0.06886 l_{2l} = 0.$$

$$R^2 = .991$$
 S.E. = 0.030 D.W. = 2.18 Sample Period 1961-1971

(E.3) EOT\$ To Other CPE's, Total

$$R^2 = .980$$
 S.E. = 0.046 D.W. = 2.12 Sample Period 1961=1971 D. = 0.22



(E.4) EIT\$ To Developed West, Total

$$ln \text{ EIT\$} = 1.46842 + 1.14170 \ ln \text{ WTX9}$$

$$(7.41) \quad (5.73) \quad (23.06)$$

$$+ 0.44890 \ ln \quad (\frac{\text{XATOT}_{-1}}{1000} - ln \text{ XATR9}_{-1})$$

$$+ 0.07184 \left\{ ln (\text{MIT\$} - \text{MIW\$}) - ln (\text{MIT\$} - \text{MIW\$}) - 1 \right\}$$

 $R^2 = .990$ S.E. = 0.040 D.W. = 1.63 Sample Period 1960-1971

(E.5) ELUT\$ To LDC's, Total

$$ln$$
 ELUT\$ = 0.47876 + 1.28155 ln WTX9
(7.14) (0.64) (8.99)
+ 0.33328(ln $\frac{XATOT_{-1}}{1000}$ - ln $XATI(9_{-1})$

 $R^2 = .921$ S.E. = 0.116 D.W. = 2.12 Sample Period 1960-1971

(E.6) EWT\$ To World, Total

EWT\$ = EEF\$ + EEO\$ + EOT\$ + EIT\$ + ELUT\$

(E.7) EWT70 To World, Total (at domestic constant prices)

$$EWT70 = 1.3 \frac{100 EWT\$}{(PREX9) (PTX9)}$$

M IMPORTS

(M.1) METS From CMEA, Total

$$l_n$$
 MET\$ = 2.14589 + 0.65611 l_n XITOT + 0.4159 l_n MET\$-1 (8.49) (2.30) (1.94) (1.51)

(M.2) MOT\$ From Other CPE's, Total

$$ln \text{ MOT}$$
 = 4.91866 + 0.29205 $ln \text{ MOT}$ - 0.00750 QT50 (6.78) (1.91) (0.84)

$$R^2 = .231$$
 S.E. = 0.39 D.W. = 2.05
Sample Period 1961-1971 D. = 0.14

(M.3) MIW\$ From Developed West, Wheat and Wheat Flour

$$ln \text{ MIW$} = -13.34513 + 4.10408 \ ln \text{ XITOT}$$

$$(4.54) \qquad (1.35) \qquad (1.80)$$

$$-16.58510 \quad (ln \frac{\text{XATOT}_{-1}}{1000} - ln \text{ XATR9}_{-1})$$

$$(2.15)$$

$$R^2 = .427$$
 S.E. = 1.506 D.W. = 2.13 Sample Period 1961-1971

(M.4) MIEM\$ From Developed West, Machines, Equipment, Metals and Manufactures

$$ln$$
 MIEM\$ = - 7.96068 + 0.61031 ln ITOTAL - 0.05485 ln MIW\$ (6.80) (3.74) (1.84) (4.49)



(M.4) MIEM\$ Continued

 $R^2 = .980$ S.E. = 0.058 D.W. = 2.81 Sample Period 1961-1971

(M.5) MIO\$ From Developed West, Other

$$ln$$
 MIO\$ = -2.49916 + 2.13407 ln XI_-1 -0.01747 ln MIW\$ (6.54) (7.50) (26.43) (1.72)

 $R^2 = .990$ S.E. = 0.054 D.W. = 1.28 Sample Period 1961-1971

(M.6) MLF\$ From LDC's, Food

$$ln$$
 MLF\$ = -4.70594 + 2.35611 ln XITOT (5.52) (4.62) (10.06)

$$-\frac{1.07449}{(1.35)}$$
 (2n $\frac{\text{XATOT}_{-1}}{1000}$ - 2n XATR9_{-1})

 $R^2 = .930$ S.E. = 0.155 D.W. = 1.66 Sample Period 1961-1971

(M.7) MLUO\$ From LDC's, Other

$$ln$$
 MLUO\$ = -1.56951 + 1.20931 ln XITOT + 0.36475 ln KGOLD\$9-1 (6.40) (0.92) (6.47) (2.34)

$$R^2 = .843$$
 S.E. = 0.113 D.W. = 1.89 Sample Period 1961-1971



(M. 8) MWT\$ From World, Total

MWT\$ ₹ MET\$ + MOT\$ + MIW\$ + MIEM\$ + MIO\$ + MLF\$ + MLUO\$

(M.9) MWT70 From World, Total (at domestic constant prices)

 $MWT70 = 2.03 \frac{100 \text{ MWT}}{(PREX9) (PTM9)}$



G AGGREGATE IDENTITIES AND BALANCES

- GNPNA Non-agricultural Gross National Product

 GNPNA = 1.76628 XITOT + 0.59943 XCRUB + 0.34390 XT7R

 + 0.60907 XGNPGEP
- (B.2) GNPA Agricultural Gross National Product

 GNPA = $\frac{XATOT}{1000} 11.230 \frac{AACI}{135}$
- (G. 3) GNP Gross National Product
 GNP GNPNA + GNPA
- (G.4) GIKREP Capital Repair $0.17391 \frac{\text{GIKREP}}{\text{KSUM}} = 0.02942 0.00021 \text{ QT50}$ $(52.21) \qquad (6.48)$

 $R^2 = .792$ S.E. = 0.0004 D.W. = 1.60 Sample Period 1960-1972

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GRESEM =
$$7.57296 + 0.30602 \left(\frac{\text{XATOT}}{1000} - \text{XATR9}\right) + 7.43741 \Omega67$$
(8.08) (10.69) (1.52) (2.90)

$$R^2 = .546$$
 S.E. = 2.44 D.W. = 2.50 Sample Period 1960-1972

NOTE: Actual values for GRESEM are defined as
$$\text{GRESEM} = \text{GNP} + \frac{\text{MWT70}}{1000} - \frac{\text{EWT70}}{1000} - \text{GEUSUM} - \text{CR}$$
 GEUSUM defined below.

(G.6) GSIMRES Simulation Residual

GSIMRES
$$\equiv$$
 GNP + $\frac{MWT70}{1000}$ - $\frac{EWT70}{1000}$ - GEUSUM - CR - GRESEM

NOTE: Actual values for GSIMRES are identically zero. Solution values represent the difference between "production" and "end use" determinations of GNP when consumption is not obtained by residual identity.

Actual and solution values of GEUSUM are obtained from:

GEUSUM=
$$\frac{(BAD& + \frac{6.954}{49.5} (BSC&-BNAUK&))}{(.65\frac{WG&}{1246.8} + .35\frac{PIWH70}{100})} + (BD&9 - BDNP&9)}{+ \frac{100.BDNP&9}{PIWH?0} + \frac{BNAUK&}{(.2\frac{WG&}{1246.8} + .8\frac{PIWH70}{100.})}$$
$$+ 170T + 170NTA + 1TOTAL + .17391 GIKREP$$

APPENDIX B: DATA SOURCES AND THE USSR DATAFANK

One of the major tasks of our research was the collection of a data base for the Soviet economy sufficient for the construction of a econometric model. After an intensive effort in the Fall of 1973, data collection for the project continued until mid-summer 1974. The result is a Databank for the Soviet economy designed in WEFA standard format that includes decription, units and source. The databank presently includes over 650 variables, including direct source data, transformations of source data, and project defined variables (dummy variables, etc.). An alphabetical list of the USSR Databank variables has been included at the end of this appendix. In the remainder of this appendix, we will comment upon the data sources used for the Model and particular problems which have arisen during our research.

Data Choices in an Econometric Model of the USSR

In a model designed for a supply-oriented economic system such as the Soviet Union, there are definite advantages to using physical and real (deflated) variables whenever possible. In the Niwa models of Soviet growth, for example, there are no price variables and the urban real wage is simply aggregate urban consumption divided by urban employment. While our model does use variables with current ruble values and numerous price and wage variables, our behavioral relationships for production, consumption and investment are all estimated in real terms.

We want to thank the Office of Economic Research, U.S. Government, for its extensive and invaluable help in making available to us its expertise on Soviet economic statistics. We also wish to acknowledge the valuable assistance provided by Anne Lieberman, Michael Marrese, and Mark Schwartz in building the databank for this project.

In production function estimation, where real variables are essential, one still faces a critical choice between official data for sectoral output and Western reconstructed data. For the principal Soviet sectors, industry and agriculture, the choice is between the official series for gross value of output at constant prices and a Western series based upon a sample of commodity series using base-year prices as weights. While most econometric research on Soviet production functions has used the official GVO series (directly or indirectly), we chose to go the other route. Soviet growth rates computed from official data are always higher than growth rates computed from Western reconstructed series. Thus, we expect to find lower estimates for the rate of technical progress (or lower estimates for returns to scale) than those obtained with official data. More importantly, we wanted to link our sectoral outputs to a constant ruble measure of GNP that would be consistent with the estimates of Soviet GNP produced in the West. We will return to this point later in this discussion.

Consequently, we chose the Greenslade-Wallace series for our measure of Industrial Output and the Diamond-Krueger series for our measure of Agricultural Output. Using Kaplan's methodology, we constructed our own output series for Soviet transport and communications. For the construction sector, we adopted the official series for construction-installation work in constant estimate prices. For the "unproductive" sector of the model, we used a value-added measure constructed by the U.S. Government for their estimates for Soviet GNP. For sectoral input data, we used the Soviet series for basic funds in 1955 prices for our capital measures and the Feshbach-Rapawy series for our labor measures.

The introduction of current ruble statistics becomes of greater importance as soon as the modeller wishes to explore the income-expenditure balance relationships for both government and household sectors. If one were to reduce all such flows to real terms, he would have either to choose a uniform but misleading deflator to maintain consistency or handle a multitude of category deflators which would perhaps provide a truer real value for each category but also introduce serious inconsistencies. Consequently, we have linked the real production subsystem to the nominal income-expenditure subsystem through a limited number of nominal wage rates and price variables. A similar real-nominal transform was also necessary to link Soviet production to the foreign trade subsystem of the macroeconomic model.

Supposing that one has specified the appropriate links between the production subsystem and the income-expenditure and foreign-trade subsystems, there is still a choice to be made concerning the accounting basis and the data to be used. Here the choice seems quite clear given the confusion and obscurity in Soviet statistics on incomes and the final use of net material product. With the extensive effort made by Western economists to reconstruct Soviet national accounts on a GNP basis during the past twenty years, any aspiring modeller should regard himself as particularly fortunate. Thus, there is an additional reason for using Western data for the estimation of production functions since those output series have been directly linked to the reconstructed GNP accounts which provide the framework for the nominal subsystems of the econometric model.

Our task has been facilitated by structuring the model upon the estimates of 1970 GNP prepared by the U.S. Government following Bergsonian methods. Using price

variables based with 1970 = 100, we are able to deflate current ruble series (gross profits, defense expenditures, etc.) and compute real GNP on both a sector-of-origin and an end-use basis. Thus, in contrast to Niwa's models of Soviet growth, our model adheres to the discipline imposed by national income identities and maintains the real/nominal interface standard in models of Western economies.

Data Construction Necessary for the Model

beyond the collection of available Soviet economic data, we have had to construct certain variables for the particular needs of the Model. We will describe briefly the major tasks of data construction completed during the past year.

(1) An Output Index for Soviet Transport and Communications*

We essentially replicated the work done by Norman Kaplan for 1928-1963. The transportation index was constructed from six official series for freight transportation and five series for passenger transportation. These eleven series were aggregated using 1970 ruble-cost weights to derive an output index for Soviet transportation. Two communications indexes were constructed, one using the official ruble-value series and the other using employment in communications. The transport and communications indexes were combined with 1970 value-added weights.

(2) "Negotiated" Agricultural Price

In our consumption price index, there are two food price components, one for retail sales and one for direct transactions in the collective farm market. Initially, we planned to use the official index for "extrarural collective farm market" prices. Vladimir Treml suggested that an alternative

^{*}See Project Working Paper #14 for a more complete discussion, a list of weights, and the computed output series.

indicator for free market food prices could be obtained from official price and quantity data for 16 food commodities sold to consumer cooperatives at negotiated prices (for resale on commission). Price indexes were computed using 1968 and 1970 quantity weights and current-year quantity weights.

After comparison, we selected the 1970-weighted index for further analysis.

Using both this negotiated agricultural price and the official collective farm market price in a standard adjustment specification, we chose the former as a proxy for "free" agricultural prices for two reasons. First, its movement over the sample period was more consistent with our adjustment model based upon "normal" food consumption and agricultural output.* Second, data on negotiated agricultural sales are based upon transaction statistics monitored by the banking system in contrast to the sampling procedure used for collective farm market sales.

(3) Inventory Data **

Inventory data for two dategories, trade/supply network and non-trade agricultural enterprises and organizations, were constructed through 1972 using the methodology of Moorsteen and Powell. This procedure provides estimates for Soviet inventories in current prices by sector, which were then deflated by official wholesale price indexes to generate constant ruble inventory stock estimates. The major category of inventories not included in our data is the State grain reserve. Presently, the State grain reserves fall within the residual category which we have endogenized in the Model.

^{*} See W.P. #20 for a description of the estimation procedure.

^{**} See W.P. #24 for a discussion of data construction and the estimation of inventory equations for the Model.

(4) Weather Indexes*

Weather indexes for Soviet agriculture were constructed to measure weighted deviations from monthly normal values for precipitation and temperature. The spring-summer precipitation measure is based on April-September deviations for five representative regions. A representative region serves as a proxy for a larger area with similar weather characteristics, and its deviation is weighted by the properly normalized average crop output during 1969-1971 for the larger areas. The regions included in the five groups account for almost 96% of the total harvested grain in 1969-1971. The winter temperature index is based upon only one region, the Southern Ukraine, and is designed to capture weather impact upon winter wheat. Obviously the impact of weather on the Soviet harvest is more complex than suggested by these simple indexes. Further experimentation with other weather indicators in our agricultural production function might further reduce our prediction errors.

^{*} See Appendix A of W.P. #21 for the construction of spring-summer weather variables. A discussion of the winter temperature index is in W.P. #26,

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